

Twin State T.U. Conventions Set

Twin state Baptist Training Union Conventions will be conducted this year instead of one state convention as in previous years in order to care for growing participation, it has been revealed by Kermit S. King, state Training Union secretary.

These one-day Conventions will be June 3 at First Church, Greenwood, and June 5 at First Church in Hattiesburg.

The principal out-of-state program personalities will be Dr. Paul M. Stevens, Ft. Worth, director of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission; John B. Lane, Training Union secretary of South Carolina, Columbia, and Mrs. Lane, state approved worker.

Three sessions will be held at each convention, beginning at 9:30 a. m., 2:00 p. m., and 7:00 p. m., respectively.

SBC Chaplain Gets High Post In Air Force

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — Chaplain (Col.) Robert P. Taylor of Henderson, Tex., a Southern Baptist minister who survived the World War II Bataan death march in the Philippines, was named Deputy Chief of Air Force Chaplains by President Eisenhower.

The new Deputy Chief Chaplain will be promoted to the rank of Brigadier General when he assumes his post Aug. 1.

He will succeed Chaplain (Brig. Gen. Terence P. Finnegan, a Roman Catholic, who will become Chief of Air Force Chaplains.

Chaplain Taylor, 49, won the Silver Star for gallantry while serving as chaplain of the 31st Infantry Division during the Battle of Bataan in 1942.

He was taken prisoner by the Japanese and after sharing the march with his men found himself in a camp with 10,000 prisoners. He continued his ministry there and in 1944 was placed in solitary confinement for 14 months by the Japanese on charges of smuggling food to sick prisoners.

The chaplain then was moved to a prison camp in Manchuria where he was liberated in 1945.

Junior Memory Work
Each morning's session will be given to the state finals in the Junior Memory Work Drill and the Intermediate Sword Drill.

The afternoon session will be devoted to department conferences, recognition of state winners in the memory work drill, state finals in the Adult Mission Story feature and a message by Mr. King.

The evening session will feature the state finals in the Young People's Speaking Tournament, selection of master swordsmen and a closing message by Dr. Stevens.

Presiding Officers
Presiding at Greenwood convention will be M. R. Anderson of Oxford and Carl Kosanke of Jackson with Fred Yeats of West Point leading the music.

Presiding at Hattiesburg will be Alton Yarbrough of Laurel and Charles A. Tidwell of Jackson with Jacques M. Kearns of Biloxi and Charles A. Tidwell of Jackson with Jacques M. Kearns of Biloxi leading the music.

Many state leaders will also have parts on program. The Conventions are sponsored each year by the Training Union Department of the State Convention Board.

Creative Methods Urged By Baptist European Meet

RUESCHLIKON, Switzerland (RNS) — The need for more creative evangelistic methods and the laymen's responsibility in promoting them were stressed at a Conference on Evangelism here sponsored by the European Baptist Federation.

The meeting was attended by delegates from 17 countries, including Poland, Hungary and Yugoslavia.

Two American delegates gave the European churchmen the benefit of their experience in evangelism in the United States. They were Dr. Gaines Dobbins of the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary at Berkeley, Calif., and Dr. W. E. Woodbury, former director of evangelism for the American Baptist Convention.

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Hays Points To 'Common Faith'

The Honorable Brooks Hays of Arkansas, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, in his message to the Convention in Houston Tuesday night, while touching some of the problems and issues before the denomination, declared that "a common faith continues to bind us together."

The layman president began by outlining the expansion of the Convention, told of his activities during the year, touched several important issues at stake, discussed mutual problems, sanctioned the role of the Christian Life Commission, pointed to the Jubilee Advance program and Survey Committee report and closed with an appeal for a deepened spiritual life upon the part of every Southern Baptist.

He acknowledged the launching of the Jubilee program as the biggest event of the year and commended the work of the Survey Committee.

Total Purpose Sought

He added that "I trust that the report will be considered solely in the light of serving the total purposes of the Convention, and that local and personal interests will be secondary."

In touching on Baptist prosperity he said that "Prosperity is comparatively a new thing for Baptists. As we pray for a denomination that is getting rich very fast may we determine to use our power with nobility and wisdom."

As to the issues and problems confronting the denomination he said that during the year that "first in importance in the many tasks I have had was to participate in efforts to preserve."

In viewing the problems he referred to Southern Baptist "territorial expansion that had produced interesting new diversities." Continuing, he said "The problems of California, for example, are quite different from those of our Georgia brethren."

Mr. Hays said further, however, "There should be no reluctance on our part to confront controversy."

Continuing Task

In touching on the race issue he declared this "task of helping the minority racial group is also a continuing one."

"Some of the tragic governmental conflicts involving race have obscured the fact that there are proven and accepted ways by which Southern Baptists may express their Christian concern for the minority's welfare and progress."

Mr. Hays then told of his visit last November to the Mississippi Baptist Convention and commended the work that Mississippi Baptists are doing for the Negroes in the state.

Day Of Prayer Set For 1959 Crusade

Sunday, June 1 has been suggested as a Day of Prayer for the 1959 Baptist Simultaneous Crusade, according to Dr. Joe T. Odle, state Baptist associate executive secretary.

Eight and one-half million Southern Baptists will join with ten and one-half million other Baptists in North America for this gigantic joint Evangelistic crusade in connection with the Baptist Jubilee Advance which goes through 1964.

Seven Baptist bodies with a combined membership of 19,000,000 in 75,000 churches will join in this effort and every Mississippi Baptist church has been urged to observe Sunday, June 1, as a Day of Prayer for this crusade, according to Dr. Odle.

The Evangelism Department of the Home Mission Board, Dr. Leonard Sanderson, secretary, has suggested the following prayer check list:

Forgiveness of personal sins, forgiveness for church's sins of omission, revival in our church, other churches, continent-wide crusade, pastor and staff, personal dedication to soul-winning, lost people by names.

Crusade Dates Set
In Mississippi, churches in associations on and south of Highway 80 will cooperate in using the dates March 15-29 during the Simultaneous Crusade and churches in associations north of Highway 80 will use April

12-16, according to Dr. Odle.

The further step-by-step preparation for the 1959 Crusade was outlined as follows:

Sunday School Preparation Week, September 21-28, 1958. Suggested book for study is "Using the Sunday School in Evangelism" by Leonard Sanderson.

New Year's Eve Prayer Service, December 31, 1958. Programs will be suggested by Dr. Odle. Objective is to end 1958 and begin 1959 with "every Baptist on his knees."

Soul Winning Commitment Day, January 4, 1959. Soul Winning Commitment Day in all churches with members asked to sign pledge cards committing themselves to personal soul winning during the year.

Televangelism Program
Televangelism Program Begins, January 4, 1959. A special 13-week television program series produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

Bible Study Week, January 5-9, 1959. Enlist all church members in a week of studying the "Gospel According to Mark," by Hugh R. Peterson.

State Evangelistic Conference, February 9-11, at Clarksdale.

Simultaneous Religious Census, February 1, 1959, in every community.

Soul Winning Training, February 16-20, 1959. Directed personal soul winning training schools in all churches with classes for each age group. The following books in the Training Union series are suggested: Adults and Young People, "Personal Soul Winning," Intermediate (Continued on Page 7)

Foreign Board Appoints Sixteen

The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at its regular monthly meeting in May appointed 16 young people for mission service, bringing the total number of active Southern Baptist foreign missionaries to 1,214.

The new missionaries are Leroy Benefield and Nina Lou Mason Benefield, both of Oklahoma, appointed for the Philippines; David C. Dorr, Maryland, and Roberta Kells Dorr, Minnesota, for Gaza; Rufus D. Hodges, Jr., and Irene Chavous Hodges, both of Georgia, for Nigeria; Eugene B. Kimler, Jr., Mexico, and Eva Nell Turner Kimler, Texas, for Venezuela.

Two For Philippines
Also, William P. Malone, Jr., and Janis Metcalf Malone, both of Texas, appointed for Argentina; James O. Morse, Oklahoma, for the Philippines; and Davis H. Thompson, Alabama, and Lorene Huffman Thompson, Tennessee, for Argentina.

The Foreign Mission Board continues its program of advance. According to the report to the last Southern Baptist Convention, work is now being projected in 38 countries.

The largest work of the Board is established in Brazil, Japan and Nigeria. Dr. Baker James Cauthen is executive secretary of the Board, which has headquarters in Richmond, Va.

SBC Sermon Sees 'The New Horizon'

"If our generation should discover that our crisis is spiritual, it would be more startling than the discovery of atomic power," Dr. Robert E. Naylor told the Southern Baptist Convention Wednesday morning in annual session in Houston, Texas.

Dr. Naylor, pastor of Travis Avenue Church, Ft. Worth, delivering the Convention sermon, took as his subject "The New Horizon," with his text being John 1:40-51 and 2:23-25.

He began by revealing that God created the world and logically knows all about it.

Beyond Man's Control
"We have broken into the secret power house of matter . . . and released forces beyond the power of man to control."

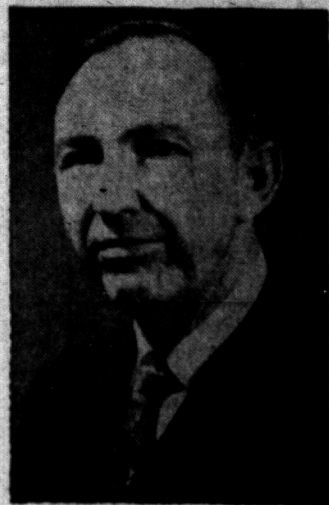
"The world has come to a critical dilemma. We know enough to be afraid."

He paused to point out however that there is a greater knowledge which can only come to us by the reverent inquiry of faith in Jesus.

Three Point Outline

with a three-part outline which revealed that "Jesus knew what was in man because he created him, because he knew him to be worth saving and finally restored to him the forfeited fellowship with God."

Speaking further he said, "We have been putting on poul-



Robert Naylor

tices when the world needs a blood transfusion.

"We have been wrapping up sore fingers when the heart of man is desperately sick."

"If we discover the answer that lies basic in the cross, the result would be to make war impossible."

"The cross becomes the measuring stick of the love of God. It is only at the cross that we understand what it means to say 'God so loved the world.'"

He closed by declaring, "This is the knowledge that we ought to seek. Here our ignorance hurts us the most."

JUBILEE CHALLENGE CITED BY CRISWELL

Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dallas declared in a message on Tuesday night at the Southern Baptist Convention: that "we face another vast challenge . . . that could not but be staggering in its total impact upon America."

The well-known Baptist leader and orator was speaking on "The Baptist Jubilee Advance" and began by recalling the rug-

ged days of early life in this country.

This part of the Convention program was made possible by joint action of all the agencies of the Convention, under the auspices of the Jubilee Advance Committee, Dr. C. C. Warren, chairman.

Dramatic Presentation
The address was followed by a dramatic Presentation with Mrs. R. L. Mathis of Texas and James W. Sapp, Tennessee, as co-chairmen and Cecil McGee, Tennessee, director.

Dr. Criswell pictured the early settlers of America as "rugged individualists, who did as they pleased, God or no God."

"But something happened back there," he continued. "The Great Awakening came, and America was turned to God."

He declared that "there was one weakness in these early Baptist churches . . . a weakness that has characterized the people of God from the dawn of civilization . . . a tendency to factionalism and dissension."

Judson And Rice
He next pointed to the experience of Adoniram Judson and Luther Rice that resulted in the organization of "our denomination as we know it today."

"We were given a great appeal, a great necessity, a great program. We have tremendously grown through the years and now we have been blessed of God beyond measure."

Dr. Criswell then gave the program for the Jubilee Advance in which Southern Baptists will cooperate with six other Baptist groups in North America in a gigantic program that will culminate in 1964.

Mexico Convention Surpasses Budget

The National Baptist Convention of Mexico met in the First Baptist Church, Tapachula, Chiapas, April 20-27, with 136 messengers from 42 churches. (Tapachula is in the southern extreme of Mexico, near the Guatemalan border.)

Dr. Theodore F. Adams, president of the Baptist World Alliance, spoke briefly to the Woman's Missionary Union convention, explained the work of the Alliance to the general convention meeting, and preached at one of the services.

Giving Is Up

At the close of his message, eight persons made professions of faith in Christ.

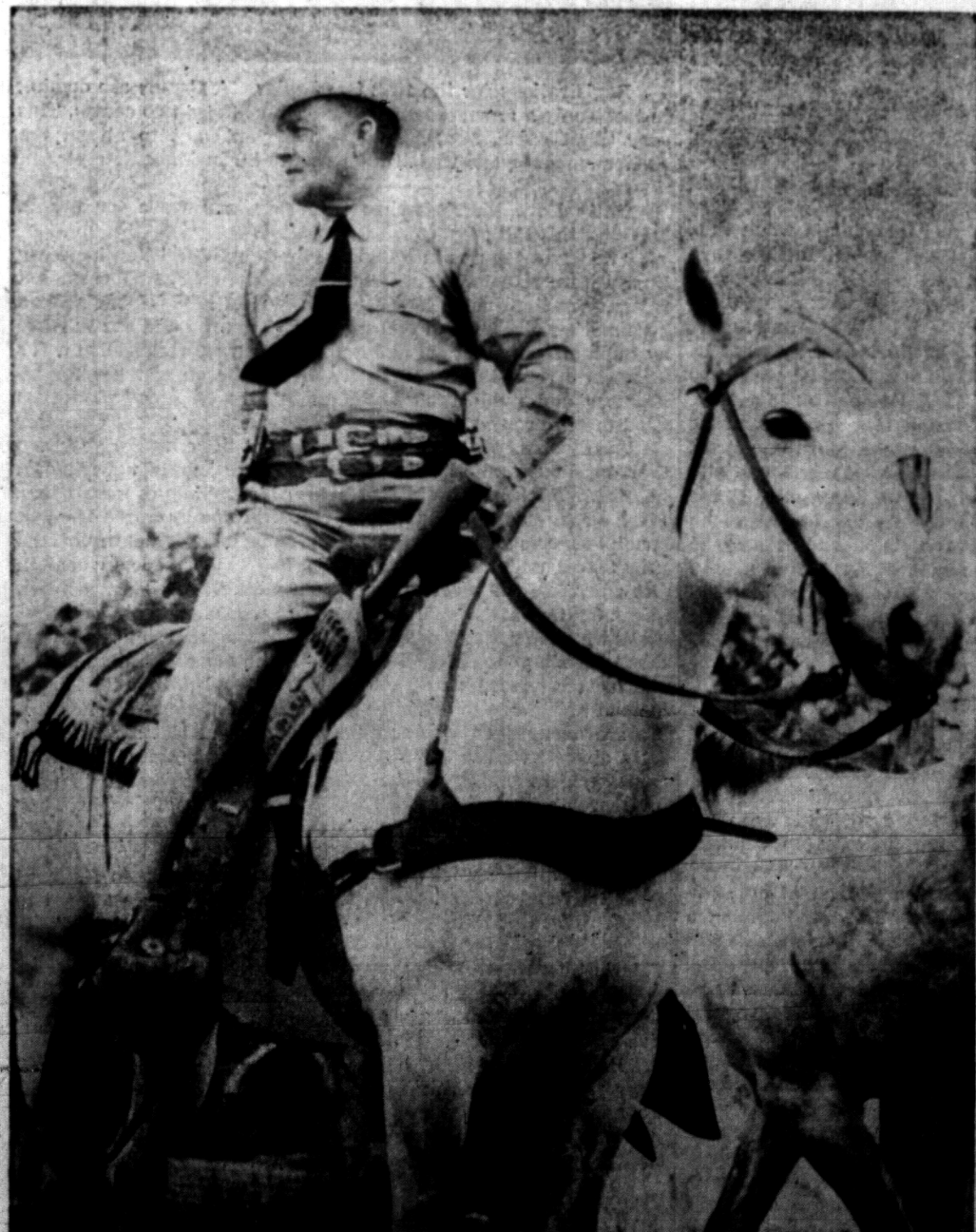
Another high light of the meeting was the announcement that for the first time in many years convention giving went beyond budget requirements.

Missionary Ervin E. Hastey explains that this was a great victory because last year's budget of \$16,000 was the largest in the history of the convention. The churches contributed \$17,360. The budget for the coming year has been set at \$18,960.

More than 60 per cent of the budget will support the domestic mission program of the convention, which mainly serves the Indian population of Mexico.

Thirty-Two Workers

There are 32 workers on the convention's six mission fields. Dr. Ernesto Barocio, a medical doctor from Monterrey, was elected president of the convention for the new year. Next spring the convention will meet with the First Baptist Church, Mexico City, and will help mark the 75th anniversary of this church.



TEXAS RANGER—Ft. Worth, Texas—Capt. Clint Peoples of the Texas Rangers will be on hand to welcome thousands of Royal Ambassadors to Fort Worth in August. He will be featured on the opening night session of the Second Convention-wide Royal Ambassador Congress on Aug. 12. Peoples is one of six Ranger captains. He has served with the Texas Rangers for 14 years. Peoples is a Baptist layman stationed at Ranger headquarters in Waco.

On Your Vacation

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One of the joys of our culture is the "annual" vacation. It is a high light in the yearly calendar of thousands of American families. The tragedy is, however, that for many married couples their annual vacation is a "fling" of reckless living. A vacation is defined by Webster as, "Respite or time of respite; an intermission or rest. A period for rest and recreation; a holiday." (Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, Fifth Edition, Springfield, Mass. G. & C. Meriam Co., Publishers. p. 1103. 1948).

The trend is to make a "Roman Holiday" out of it — this is harmful. Also there is the tendency to attempt to do so much and travel so far that the family returns home tired, tense, and dissipated. There is value in going away from home, but it is, perhaps, unwise to spend all of one's allotted time traveling. This period should provide wholesome relaxation, variety, spiritual and mental refreshing, and interest. Some general suggestions are given:

Plan Well

(1) Plan the family vacation well in advance of the time with the entire family participating in some fashion in the plans. Build up a happy anticipation.

(2) Select a theme for the vacation. If it involves traveling to new places study schools, churches, historic sites, or some other subject matter. This ought to be done in a voluntary, relaxed manner. If it is to a fishing camp, lead the whole family to become interested in fishing. Sometimes a member of the family would rather have an individual interest — this would be fine.

(3) Take advantage of the rest, beauty, and spiritual refreshing. This is particularly enjoyable when the family worship can take place out of doors where one feels so close to the Creator.

The Value of Family

The values of family vacations and fellowship can be grouped in three main areas.

(1) Psychological. When the members of a family play together, a spirit of oneness is fostered. They learn to appreciate one another's weaknesses better. Loyalties are enhanced and the members see themselves more as a part of a team.

Also, most family vacations give each member his opportunity to lead and then again to follow. Morale grows with family fellowship.

Learn From One Another

(2) Educational. As we have already discussed, the family members learn from one another. The specialized learning in trips is difficult to replace. It is free and informal learning which is most satisfying.

(3) Social. The intimate friendship needed to make family living worthwhile are helped in recreation. Love becomes stronger also when a father watches his young son lead in a project. His admiration and his fatherly love is projected into the future as he dreams of the leadership of his son in maturity.

A girl loves her mother more and accepts her better when she sees mother participate in family fun. She likes to see her mother be a girl too. The social bond may be strong enough to help hold the family together in time of strife.

People who never play are certain to become sick. Recreation and social contacts are needed for healthy living — individually or in the family. How can Christians testify to others that their life is a happy one, if they are not happy in their own families? Christian fellowship must begin there.

Using the Bible in Family Vacations

First, the family will want to carry on its regular Bible use in devotionals. These ought not be omitted on the vacation. If the group is traveling, the Bibles should be taken along and used as usual. Prayer should be offered at strange tables, because the same merciful God provides — no matter where we are in His world.

Second, Bible study should be carried on. Parents must see to it that the spiritual part of life "goes on as usual" on the vacation trip or during the relaxing period at home.

Third, as suggested earlier, theme of a vacation trip can be centered around church buildings seen in new places. Another possibility is to study verses of nature and the them into Bible verses or passages. For example, if someone sees a swallow on the trip the family might try to remember a verse of scripture about the bird. When the father sees a herd of cattle on a hillside, he might ask the children if the Bible refers to cattle on the hills.

The thing to remember is that God's Word goes with us wherever we go — even on the annual vacation!



GA CORONATION SERVICE AT MIDWAY CHURCH. Girls' Auxiliary Coronation services were conducted at Midway Church, Jackson, on May 14. The service was highlighted by the crowning of two new queens, Peggy Montgomery and Deane Allbritton; the granting of the Scepter to Queen Elizabeth Parker and the Green Cape to Linda Elkins, designating her as Queen Regent. Pictured above is Linda Elkins receiving the traditional Green Cape. Linda is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Elkins, and is working with the Sunbeams in addition to her GA work. She is President of the Intermediate Training Union. Additional awards made during the Coronation Ceremony were to Vickie Newcomb, Lynda Holland and Suzanne Beach, who were designated as "Maidens"; Wanda Rogers, Jeanne Smith, Marcia Lumpkin, Rose Freeland, Neta Faye Pittman, Vickie Knight, Linda Rogers and Phyllis Freeland, who were designated as "Ladies-in-Waiting"; Pat Freeland, Lynda Freeland and Nenia Beach, who were designated as "Princesses."



Rev. R. T. B. Leavell

Accepts Pastorate in Tyler, Texas

Rev. R. T. B. Leavell, who has served as pastor of First Church, Newton for the past five years, tendered his resignation at the close of the morning worship service, Sunday, May 11.

Mr. Leavell has accepted a call from the Calvary Church in Tyler, Tex.

The Leavell family came to Newton from Kansas City, Mo., where he served as pastor of the Tabernacle Church for five years. Mr. Leavell is a native of Oxford.

During his pastorate in Newton, 139 members have been received by baptism and 1,012 by letter, and the budget has increased from \$34,000 to \$56,800. The debt on the church building, which was not due to be retired entirely until 1961, was paid off during this period of time.

Lamar County To Hold Evangelistic Conference

Dr. T. J. Delaughter, director of the School of Christian Training, New Orleans Seminary, will be the principal inspirational speaker for the Lamar County evangelistic conference to be held May 16-18 at Purvis Church.

The schedule will be as follows: Friday, 7:15-9:00 p. m.; Saturday, 4:00-5:45 p. m., and 7:15-9:00 p. m.; and Sunday, 2:30-4:30 p. m.

Other speakers will include: Rev. Lincoln D. Newman, Lucedale; Rev. Arnall Richardson, Collins; Rev. W. L. Yeatman, Richton; Rev. Damon Vaughn, Laurel; and Rev. Charles R. Williams, Hattiesburg.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEK AT KITTIWAKE

August 25-29 is Sunday School Week at Kittiwake this summer.

A splendid program has been planned and things are in the making for a great week of helpful sessions during those days. There will be song sessions, age-group conferences, Bible Study periods, inspirational hours, relaxation times, eating, fun fellowship, and just lots of good things await all those who are there.

Keep that date on your church calendar and plan to send some of your Sunday school leaders and they will return improved workers and can help you build a better Sunday school.

Write us for any information you may wish about the week.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

The Vacation Bible School time has really come. Schools are being held all over and with June so near they will be in full blast.

This is such an important part of the summer program of our churches and means the reaching of so many boys and girls with a good, helpful program of spiritual emphasis.

Many of these boys and girls are not enrolled in any part of the church program. They are some of our finest prospects and many of them become Christians as a result of the Vacation Bible school program.

We have never heard so many reports in one year of efforts being made to make associations 100% in Vacation schools. Also, a great emphasis is being placed on having more Mission schools, with some associations doing an unusually fine part in this, which means carrying the message of salvation through Bible study to many others.

It is not at all too late to plan for your school, if you have not already done that. The time for these schools continues through August, and it is only May now. So, do not overlook this wonderful opportunity to help your boys and girls with this additional help during the summer. Write us for further information.

"BRING THE PRAYER"

All along, in different meetings, we hear people say, "Brother so and so will now bring the prayer." Well, Brother, prayers are not brought. Those using this expression

may know what they mean, and they may mean the right thing, but it is certainly a mighty fine way to give some one the wrong impression.

Real prayers are prayed and not brought, as one might bring a book.

Another expression that is heard occasionally is, "Brother so and so will now DO the prayer."

No, they are not done either, but prayed. The Bible speaks of Jesus praying, not bringing a prayer or doing a prayer, but praying. It is a matter of the heart in a sincere expression to God.

This matter of "terms" used is very important because if they are not right they can, and often do, lead the wrong idea.

A case in point is when fine, Christian people, during revivals, and talking to lost people, will say, "Why don't you come on in with us." The one saying this may know exactly what he means but it is also a very easy way for a lost person to get the impression that what he means is come on and join the church. And the hardest person to win to Christ, so frequently, is the lost one who has his name on a church book and it may be the result of some fine person simply leaving the wrong impression by the use of a wrong term.

THE GLORIETA BUS

If you want a place on the bus, air-conditioned, going to Glorieta for the first Sunday school week, June 19-25, please let us know at once. The time is getting near and we must have the information immediately.

This is a wonderful opportunity to make a grand trip at a very reasonable cost, which will be about \$150.00 for everything from the time you leave Jackson until you return, except what one may want to spend personally.

Reservations at Glorieta have already been secured, so your place is ready for you upon arrival there.

This is another fine way to help your Sunday school be a better one. Send some of your leaders there for a week and it will do them good and help them too, to say nothing of the benefit they will derive from it. Write us if we can help further.

Over Fifty Enrolled In Alcohol Education School At Satartia

More than fifty persons were enrolled in an Alcohol Education Training School at Satartia, April 21-24. Seven churches in the community sponsored the project. Satartia Baptist Church, Rev. Gene Blalock, Pastor; Satartia Methodist Church, Rev. E. B. Smith, Pastor; Oden Baptist Church, Rev. Paul Cassidy, Pastor; Oak Grove Baptist Church, Rev. Gene Horn, Pastor; Mt. Olivet Methodist Church, Rev. E. B. Smith, Pastor; Hebron Baptist Church, Rev. James Duke, Pastor; Wesley Chapel Methodist Church, Rev. E. B. Smith, Pastor.

In addition to the night sessions, the Council's Executive Secretaries, the Rev. James S. Conner and the Rev. C. M. Day, taught each grade of the Satartia Junior and Senior High School an hour each day for the entire week. A total of more than two hundred persons thus received training during the week, making this one of the most successful training projects conducted during the year by the Council staff.

Service Available

Services of the Council staff are available without cost for planning and conducting leadership training schools in alcohol education in churches and communities throughout Mississippi. The primary purpose of these training projects is to train church, school, and community leaders to do a more effective job in alcohol education, in and through whatever leadership responsibilities they may have.

Write to either of the Executive Secretaries for help in planning a training program in your church or community.

The address is: Mississippi Church Council for Alcohol Education, P. O. Box 4554, Fondren Station, Jackson 6, Mississippi.



NEW DEPUTY CHIEF OF AIR FORCE CHAPLAINS — Washington, D. C. — Chaplain (Col.) Robert P. Taylor of Henderson, Texas, a Southern Baptist minister who survived the World War II Bataan death march in the Philippines, was named Deputy Chief of Air Force Chaplains here. He will be promoted to the rank of Brigadier General when he assumes his post Aug. 1. He was pastor of South Fort Worth (Tex.) church when he entered the chaplaincy in 1940. (Religious News Service Photo).

Woman's Missionary Union

President—MRS. J. T. LYONS, McComb
Executive Secretary—MISS EDWINA ROBINSON
YWA Director—MISS MARJEAN PATTERSON
GA Director—MISS WILLA DEAN FREEMAN

YWA CAMP—June 12-18

WMU Conference—August 7-13

The YWA's will have a bus leaving Jackson June 10 (Tuesday) 8 a. m. via of Chattanooga, Great Smokies, including Cherokee, N. C. and arrive in Ridgecrest Thursday afternoon. There will be many lovely opportunities along the way! Lookout Mountain, the dramatic pageant, "Unto These Hills" and the Cherokee Village all are to be seen en route. Returning the trip will be made by Atlanta and a visit to the famous Cyclorama and to Jackson on Thursday night. The registration fee of \$2.50 must be sent by May 25th to

Miss Marjean Patterson, Box 530, Jackson, Miss.

The entire expenses of the trip will be \$69.50, which includes the extra sightseeing at Ridgecrest—Biltmore estates, Chimney Rock, Mt. Mitchell and Skyline drive.

The WMU conference group will leave Jackson on August 5th and return on August 14th, doing very much the same thing. For further information write: Edwina Robinson, Box 530, Jackson.

CAMP GARAYWA

Registrations for the first two Junior GA Camps are coming in fast—only a few more spaces in each of those two camps. This year "first come, first served"—so if you want to attend the earlier camps—your registration should be in immediately!

Polly Love Morris writes from Thailand (save for use in teaching this fall):

"Order of the day in Bangkok now is building! You know we finally were able to buy a large piece of land here (Government restrictions limit us as foreigners to 1 val of land—about half an acre and we already had that much for a church and a residence) by buying from other foreigners in a dry trust arrangement. It's 6 lots in a row—three will be Seminary, the other three for residences and publication building. It will be crowded but so good to have roots down and start on something permanent after all these years. We thought when we got back here a year ago that our house might be done by now—we should have known better. The land is an old rice field in the middle of such fields. First, a road had to be built to it, then a bridge to cross the small canal bordering it; then because it is a lake 6 months of the year 2 feet under water, a contract had to be made to haul in dirt and raise the level of the entire piece 2 1/2 ft.—tons of dirt, weeks of time and \$10,000.00! The land was cheap originally but that's why! Now they say we must wait through a rainy season for that, to settle good before building. In the meantime blue prints, contractors, government permits and red tape! All for the simple hope of being able to establish good strong indigenous work here. We are encouraged by our Seminary work—at last slowly, painfully almost, we see some graduates taking on statue and with experience becoming mature workers. Tell the women to pray for more to be called here from among our local people. They are the ones after all on whom the future hinges, not us. We have seen a number of missionaries come and go and realize that after all the work stands or wavers according to National Christians and leaders. Missionaries are still urgently needed to develop just this thing—strong churches, trained personnel."

Valeria Sherard Writes from Alaska:

"Because of lack of space and workers I am having four sessions of Sunday School each Sunday. Then I have a worship service on Sunday night.

Each Tuesday night I have a GA meeting. There are 13 of the girls. Since my return, in addition to the regular meetings, we have had a pallet party and last week we observed Focus Week. You see a month later most all the girls will be gone to spring camp.

Besides the mid-week service, I have one Sunbeam group on Friday afternoon—sometimes having as many as 24. I have another Sunbeam group on Saturday afternoon—about 13 of them.

Our two members were faithful all the winter. It still is not easy for them. The woman was accused last month of forsaking her God because she is a member of a Baptist Church. The others have not been able to withstand the temptations. Our attendance remains good but it is heartbreaking to see so many in need of Christ and yet they are satisfied with life, it seems."

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Preserving The Past...

By EUGENE SKELTON, Pastor
First Church, Pascagoula

The Historical Commission has a ministry of serving the "historical interests" of the Convention, a task defined clearly and specifically by nineteen paragraphs in its charter, approved by the 1956 State Convention and granted by the State of Mississippi on December 19, 1956.

Convention Agency

This charter defines to Commission as an agency of the Convention, under its control and direction in the same manner as its other agencies. The creation of this agency came as the result of a process reaching back seventy years for its beginning and spelled out for us in the Charters and Constitutions of two precedent Historical Societies.

First Society

On the night before the meeting of the State Convention in Jackson in 1888 the first Mississippi Baptist Historical Society was organized, with L. S. Foster, its guiding spirit, elected as

corresponding secretary.

The vast difference between that Society and the present Commission lay in relationship to the Convention. The Society neither by its constitution, which appears in the 1888 convention minutes, nor by its charter, which can be seen in the minutes for 1894, had any integral relationship to the convention, but was composed of a voluntary membership and supported by annual dues.

The Society was hampered because its funds were so pitifully small yet it continued to meet until 1904 and laid the foundation for an outstanding collection of historical documents.

In 1926, and thereafter until 1937, the Convention appointed a standing committee on Baptist history and research. In 1937 an unchartered Historical Society was organized, but in 1950 the Society was approved and constitution was reported to and adopted by the Convention.

The Society was still cast in the old mold of voluntary paid memberships, but it was soon

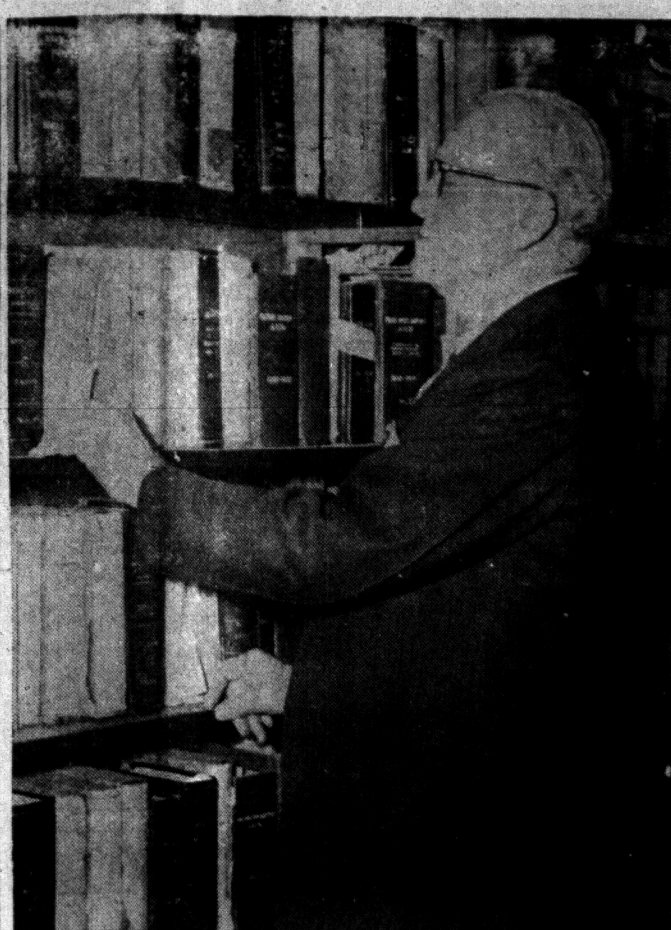
seen that this would never provide adequate support and the Convention began supporting the Society with a sum of up to \$500.00 annually.

New Constitution

In 1950 the next obvious step was taken — the membership was defined in a new constitution adopted by the state convention and the Society was declared to be "the one approved agency . . . in the field of history" and to sustain the same relationship as the other agencies, "auxiliary and amenable to the convention."

In 1956 when the Convention created the Historical Commission it simply provided the organizational pattern which would establish its control and would provide for more effective accomplishment of ends desired.

The Commission stands today as the servant of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and of Mississippi Baptists preserving the records of the past so that the opportunities of the present may be interpreted aright.



JESSE L. BOYD, SR., custodian of the Mississippi Baptist Historical Society, surveys the Society's library, which is housed at Mississippi College, Clinton.



DR. W. P. DAVIS, Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Department of Negro Work, is shown doing research work, using the records of the Mississippi Baptist Historical Society in Clinton.

J. L. Boyd In His Golden Year

By GRANT CLARK, Pastor
First, Ripley

Jesse L. Boyd was born June 23, 1881, second of thirteen children of Scotch-Irish parents on a share cropper farm in south Mississippi. He graduated from a country school and entered Mississippi College at the age of 21 for high school and college courses, receiving the B. S. degree in 1908.

He taught four sessions as principal of grade and high schools, after which he was convinced that God had called him to preach. Jesse entered Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., graduating in 1914 with the Th. M. Degree.

Mr. Boyd entered the army in 1917 and served two years as chaplain, and after Armistice Day was retained in France as a Base School Officer in the Bordeaux area to direct the instruction of army personnel in classes of reading and writing in the leading universities of Europe.

Rev. Jesse Boyd has served several churches in Mississippi — Gloster, Biloxi, Magee, Vicksburg, and Meridian. He later became president of Clarke Memorial College, teaching French and New Testament Greek. He retired at the age of 65, moved to Clinton, Miss., and was chosen as an instructor in the Bible Department at Mississippi College. In addition to Bible subjects, he also taught "Popular History of the Baptists in Mississippi" (1930) and Barnes' "History of the Southern Baptist Convention" (1953). As a supplement to the latter, he prepared an outline of "History of Baptists in America prior to 1845," for the benefit of the students. From the experience of this work, he has prepared the present work for publication, "History of Baptists in America Prior to 1845," to be used as a textbook in various Baptist Educational Institutions for the broadening of Baptist students and others in the knowledge of Baptist life in America from their beginning in the new world.

It seems that 1958 will be the outstanding year of his life. He is becoming the author of the book, "History of Baptists in America Prior to 1845." He is to receive a golden anniversary diploma from Mississippi College on June 1, 1958, and last

but not least, Rev. Boyd and his wife will observe their Golden Wedding Anniversary on September 3, 1958.

Early Baptist Giants

By C. B. Hamlet, III, Pastor
First Church, Winona

RICHARD CURTIS, JR.
(1756-1811)

Richard Curtis, Jr. was Mississippi's first Baptist preacher coming with a group of settlers from Great Pedee county of South Carolina. They settled on Cole Creek north of Natchez in 1780. Although he was just a licentiate, he led in the organization of the first Baptist church in Mississippi in October 1791. Because of Roman Catholic persecution he had to flee back to South Carolina, August 23, 1795, but took advantage of this to be ordained. When the Natchez county came under the United States flag in 1798, Curtis returned. He helped in the organization of the Mississippi Association, the first association in the state, in 1806.

NATHAN LYTLE CLARKE
(1812-1906)

N. L. Clarke moved from North Carolina to Mississippi in 1840 and the next year he was ordained. He became pastor of the Baptist church at Decatur in 1848 and served that church until his death on September 11, 1906. He was most active in the Mount Pisgah Baptist Association serving in 1849 as their missionary and holding office in their association continuously from 1850. The old General Association of South-east Mississippi was organized under his leadership in 1855 and he was the only president of this association until his death. He founded the Mississippi Baptist in 1891 as the organizer of the General Association and edited this paper for 15 years. Clarke Memorial College was established in 1907 in his honor. He also shares in the name of the church at Decatur — the Clarke-Venable Memorial Baptist church.

ROBERT ABRAM VENABLE
(1849-1933)

R. A. Venable had a colorful life, being reared a Methodist until he was a young man and riding a mule from Camden, Arkansas to Clinton with seventy-five cents in his pocket to enter Mississippi College. He graduated with highest honors in 1876 and married the President's daughter, Miss Fannie Webb, September 19, 1876. He was president and professor at Mississippi College from 1891 to 1894, but desired to move the college to Meridian. He was pastor of the First Baptist church at Meridian from 1894-1907. Leaving the church in Meridian he became President of Clarke College.

PLANTUS IBERUS LIPSEY
(1865-1947)

P. I. Lipsey was introduced to Greek at the age of 12 by his "preacher-teacher" father; as a result he was an avid student of classical languages. He was known for his expository preaching, and was pastor successively in Columbus, Ind., Vicksburg, Miss., Murfreesboro, Tenn., Guthrie and Adairville, Ky., Greenwood, Miss., and Clinton, Miss. He became editor of The Baptist Record in 1912 and served in that capacity for almost 30 years.

similar to the one shown above have already been placed at the following Mississippi Churches and Colleges:

Academy, Tippah; Big Creek, Jones; Bogue Chitto, Pike; Clear Creek, Adams; Farmington, Carroll; Pleasant Ridge, Union; Providence, Forrest; Salem, Jefferson; Toxah, Pontchartraine, Calhoun; and Mississippi College.

Church Minutes Back To 1812

By J. L. BOYD

Tremendous results have stemmed from the activities of the Historical Societies and the Commission.

(1) More or less complete files collected and microfilmed of over 100 Baptist Associations to 1957; of the Baptist State Convention Annals, 1836 to 1957; of W. M. U. Annals, 1878-1957; of the Baptist Record from 1898 to 1957; and of other historical material.

(2) Four publications: Foster's Mississippi Baptist Preachers; Leavell and Bailey's Complete History of Mississippi Baptists; Boyd's Popular History of Baptists in Mississippi; Boyd's History of Baptists in America Prior to 1845; and Mississippi Section of Southern Baptist Encyclopedia.

One particular section of the historical library is that of old church minute books ranging back to 1812, deposited with the Society for safekeeping by 88 churches containing 220 volumes. These old books are wrapped in cellophane to be kept in a

fire-proof vault, in the new Mississippi College library. The high regard for these old records and their care is illustrated by the following incident:

Mt. Moriah Minutes

Upon request the old minutes of Mt. Moriah Church, Choctaw County, were checked out to Governor Coleman by Curator J. L. Boyd who required the customary official receipt and the assurance of their return "at the earliest possible moment." A few days later the minute books were returned accompanied by the following letter: "Dear Brother Boyd: I have finished with the minutes of the Mt. Moriah Church, and was highly gratified to find two legal cap pages (typed) of information on the Coleman family. You will never know how grateful I am for having received this valuable historical data. . . I am returning the Mt. Moriah minutes to you by my personal aide, Patrolman W. A. Speights. Again with my sincere thanks, I remain, Respectfully yours, J. P. Coleman, Governor."



STUDENTS IN CLASS on Mississippi Baptist History from Mississippi College on a field trip visit the site of the old Salem meetinghouse. The church was constituted in October, 1791.

Mississippi Baptist Traditions

By T. W. Crigler, Jr.
Macon, Miss.

I enlisted in the Navy in World War I, and the enlisting officer, in filling out the various forms, asked the question: "Catholic or Protestant?" "Neither," I promptly replied, "I'm a Baptist, a Southern Baptist." I could have gone one step farther and said a Southern Mississippi Baptist.

Nothing has happened in the years since to change my opinion. Traditionally Southern Mississippi Baptists have been rugged individualists; speak a different language; have doctrinal differences, and I think that the three classifications, Protestant, Catholic and Southern Baptist are eminently justified.

Mississippi Baptists have a wonderful history and glorious

traditions, entirely too lengthy to be gone into here, but sufficient to say is that we glory in the fact that we are the most numerous of the inhabitants of the so-called "Bible Belt"; that we subscribe wholeheartedly to the "New Hampshire Confession of Faith" as put forward in 1852; we believe that the individual is the primary object of God's love; that the Church and State must be kept forever separate; we believe in keeping the Sabbath holy, and are determined to keep our Church the great religious and democratic group as it exists today.

I'VE BEEN WONDERING? by Fayly H. Cothern (Broadman, 121 pp., \$1.75) — questions and answers for teenagers.

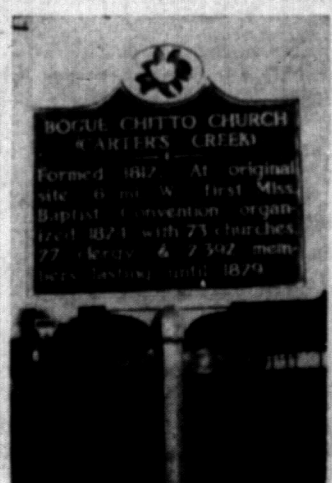
Boyd Writes Textbook

A new history of Baptists in America is due from the press shortly dealing with growth of the denomination from 1638 to 1845. Dr. J. L. Boyd, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission of Clinton, is the author, who is instructor of Baptist history in Mississippi College. The immediate object of its publication is that it be used as a supplementary textbook in the teaching of the History of the Southern Baptist Convention (Barnes).

A review of the book is here given: "A well documented history of American Baptists from their earliest days on this continent up to the establishment of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1845. Written as an elementary textbook in Baptist history, it reads more like a novel than a history. Making full use of biographies the book shows the guiding hand of God as He has led a peculiar people from a position of a tremendous disadvantage to become one of the established and major denominations on North American soil. Discussed in marvelous manner are the throes of the earlier days of the struggling denomination. The book deals with the origins, history, influence, growth, establishment of institutions, missionary projects, opposition, and even the outreach of Baptists. It is a book which will be especially welcomed by the reader who is looking for a record of early Baptist beginnings in the language of the layman."

Anyone desiring to purchase a copy in advance of its appearing on the book shelves may order it from the Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Miss.

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SOCIETY PREPARING ROAD MAP

By RICHARD ALLMON, Pastor
First, Waynesboro

The Southern Baptist Historical Society is now preparing a Road Map of the territory served by the Southern Baptist Convention.

This Road Map will pin point places of Historical interest to Baptists and will enjoy widespread distribution throughout the nation. Your State Baptist Historical Commission has selected these places to be marked on this map:

Woodville Church; Ebenezer Church, Amite; Brandon; Clinton; Winona; Bunker Hill, Marion; Salem, Walthall; Magee; Jackson, First; First Orphanage, Lauderdale; Columbus, First; House in Clinton where Baptist Record first published; Palestine Church, Hinds, where first Baptist College established; Grave of Ashly Vaughn, Natchez Cemetery; and Grave of N. L. Clarke, Decatur Cemetery.

Special memorial markers



CLEAR CREEK MARKER — Standing beside the historical marker which has been placed at Clear Creek Church in Adams County, are, left to right: J. W. Crumpton, pastor of West Side Church, Natchez; J. L. Boyd, executive-secretary, Mississippi Baptist Historical Society; B. K. Betterworth, State College; and J. P. Petty, pastor of the Hermitage Church. Mr. Betterworth of Starkville is a member of the Historical Commission and is in charge of the historical markers throughout the state.

July 18, 1888 July 24, 1951

"HISTORICALLY SPEAKING"

J. L. Boyd, Executive-Secretary

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Smoking In The Church

Alabama Baptist

We noticed in a recent bulletin from an Alabama church that the brethren had been asked not to smoke in the church building. We know of other instances where people are smoking in our churches and we feel it is a definite detriment to the spiritual attitude of our people toward the House of the Lord. The main point involved is respect for the house we have dedicated to the Lord, and also the respect we bear others who do not like the odor of tobacco. It appears to us that it would be the right thing for our brethren not to light up on the inside of any of the church buildings.

When we break down our respect for the Lord's House it has a damaging influence upon the spiritual influence of God's Word. We realize that those who do smoke in the church do it thoughtlessly and without any intention of disrespect. However, if all who smoked lit up in some part of the church building someone outside might call the fire department because of the abundance of the smoke and fumes. Brethren, let's keep the House of the Lord as sacred to ourselves as possible.

Voice of Truth, USSR-Style

The birthday of Pravda, the official newspaper of Russia, is May 5. On that day 46 years ago the paper began to appear at the initiative of V. I. Lenin.

For years now the Soviet people have taken this anniversary as the occasion to celebrate Press Day and to pay tribute to the power of the printed page.

Today the voice of Pravda (which means "truth" in Russian) reaches millions in countries around the world. Daily circulation in the USSR alone totals five and a half million. Being the official organ of the Central Committee of the Communist Party in Russia, it never deviates from the party line.

In the Soviet Union there are now more than 7,500 newspapers in 60 languages and with a daily circulation of more than 53 million copies. Since the days of Lenin and the "Great October Socialist Revolution" these people have been firm believers in the overwhelming importance of newspapers and printed propaganda.

Concerning all of this abundant Communist journalism we have a news release from the Press Department of the Embassy of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, 1706 18th St., N. W., Washington 9, D. C. It extols the virtues of these papers and attributes to them great effectiveness in molding the thinking of the worker-masses.

"This is genuinely a people's press," the Embassy release asserts. "It stands out for its profound ideological content, principled approach, truthfulness and close connection with the people. The Communist Party has turned it into a powerful means of educating the masses of the people and training them in the upbuilding of a new life."

The lengthy release closes with a statement that gives a fleeting glimpse of the dark conspiracy which threatens to spread over all the earth: "The Soviet press and its huge army of worker and peasant correspondents are taking an active part in the upbuilding of a new society."

He that hath ears to hear had better hear what all of this says regarding the churches.

This most recent celebration of Soviet Press Day underscores the need of a new awakening of Baptists and other Christians to the enormous power of the printed message. This can be done by the Communists of this effective medium is a good example of the situation Jesus pointed out: "The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light."

A world religion of godlessness poses many threats to human society, threats which call for strong voices of Christian truth. In Baptist literature and life the state paper has the greatest opportunity to amplify from every hillcock and housetop these "strong voices of Christian truth." In the support of this vital ministry, in the increase of its circulation, in the utilization of its influence, we cannot afford to do "too little too late."

All Balled Up!

For many years a rancher had employed a Chinese cook, according to the Bertram, Texas Enterprise.

After an unusually good dinner the rancher decided to raise his wages. The next day the cook noticed the extra money in his envelope.

"Why you pay me more?" he asked.

The boss replied "Because, Ming, you've been such a good cook all these years."

The cook thought deeply for a moment, then rejoined: "You been cheating me long time, eh?"

The viewpoint—that's the thing that makes the difference.

We human beings might get along together a little better if we could remember to make allowances for misunderstandings.

Apparently, however, there will be no major change in these behaviour patterns until we get to The Other Side. But what a change that will be!

Henry King, the 17th Century bishop of Chichester, describes it clearly: "Then we shall rise and view ourselves with clearer eyes in that calm region where no night can hide us from each other's sight."

Quotables

SELECTED BY THE EDITOR FROM CONTEMPORARY THOUGHT AND OPINION

"It's smart to pick your friends, but not to pieces."—Survey Bulletin

Etiquette is learning to yawn with your mouth closed. —It Pays To Be Ignorant, CBS.

God sometimes washes the eyes of His children with tears that they may read aright His providences and His commandments.—T. L. Cuyler.

"We do not possess our ideals, but they possess us, and force us out into the arena of life, where, gladiator like, we must do battle for them."—Heine.



Overlooking Avenue 'A'

Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON
Author of the book, FOR OUR AGE OF ANXIETY, which you may purchase at your Baptist Book Store.

DICTATING PREACHERS

QUESTION: I should like to present a problem we are facing in our Baptist Churches. Pastors have become dictators instead of being good shepherds. They lay down the law. Deacons find their job so painful that they leave the church or refuse the office. The Southern Baptist Convention advocates trained leaders but when they are trained, they are not expected to have opinions. Is this New Testament teaching and practice?

ANSWER: I get many letters about this problem so, apparently, it is not a minor one. However, we ought to face the fact that it was a New Testament problem, and probably will always exist.

James and John asked Jesus that they might have first places in his kingdom. Diotrophes, in 3 John, "loveth to have the pre-eminence among them." Jesus spoke of Gentiles who exercise authority over them and stated that "it shall not be so among you" — the great ones were to serve. The pastor is called bishop, also, which means "over-see" or "superintendent." A part of the problem consists in a departure from the New Testament concept of leadership. The pastor or bishop is supposed to lead the church (1 Tim. 3:5). Deacons were never selected for that purpose; they are servants. This contest of wills which you mention is thoroughly Unchristian. Sometimes deacons are at fault and sometimes the pastor. But democracy does not mean following the one who talks the loudest or does the most telephoning. It means following the divinely ordained leader as long

as the majority elect him as leader.

Why spend \$10,000 educating a minister and then allow a lawyer or doctor or barber to tell him how to do his work? (Address questions to Dr. Hudson, 116 West 47th Street, Kansas City 12, Missouri.)

Baptists Ask George Washington To Secure Religious Freedom

RICHMOND, Va., August 8, 1789 (BP)—Because "liberty of conscience is dearer to us than property and life," Baptists of Virginia have appealed to President George Washington, their "tried, trusty friend," to exert his influence to safeguard religious liberty in America.

Baptists are disturbed because the new Federal Constitution which became effective in March does not make "sufficient provision for the secure enjoyment of religious liberty." The General Committee of Virginia Baptists voted unanimously at its session last year that the Constitution has this fundamental weakness, and it is this committee which has petitioned President Washington.

Liberty of Conscience

"When the Constitution first made its appearance in Virginia," Baptists wrote President Washington in a letter drafted by John Leland, "we had unusual struggles of mind, fearing that the liberty of conscience (dearer to us than property and life) was not sufficiently secured."

The persecuted Virginia Baptists confessed that they were particularly sensitive at this point "on account of the usage we received in Virginia under the British Government when mobs, bonds, fines and prisons were our frequent repast."

At the same time the committee expressed confidence that even if "religious liberty is rather insecure in the Constitution, the administration will present all oppression, for a Washington will preside."

A Dilemma

The Constitution presents a formidable dilemma for Baptists. Having fought almost to a

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Language School

Many things have happened during this year and it hardly seems possible that they could all be put into one year. Before leaving the States, there was the resigning of our beloved pastor who is difficult for most missionaries. Then the Lord gave to our family little John Allen. When he was two weeks old, Edd went to the Southern Baptist Convention in Chicago. Two weeks later we went from Mississippi to the missionary orientation at Baylor University, Waco, Texas. We also made trips to Texas (again), Oklahoma, Ridgecrest, North Carolina, Mobile, Alabama and New Orleans, Louisiana.

We have felt the presence of God with us as we face the mastering of Portuguese. Also He, who is the giver of all

things, provided for our needs during those four months we waited to have our belongings released from customs.

This second term of language school is really keeping us busy, but we are beginning to learn the language. Last night Edd preached his first sermon in Portuguese in Limeira, a city near Campinas.

Our Baptist work in Limeira, a city of 35,000 people, has been small. There has been a congregation there for the past 35 years. The Lord has blessed the work in Limeira during the past six months. Edd has been helping John Poe, a final term language school student, with the work there. About 50 people have accepted the Lord as Savior. One of the interior walls of the building had to be removed to make the auditorium large enough for the number of people coming. During one revival, the church could not hold the people and the services were held in the street. The congregation will be organized into a church as soon as someone is found that can be their pastor.

Ed and Freda Trott
Caixa Postal 758
Campinas, Sao Paulo, Brasil

PHILADELPHIA (RNS) — The American Bible Society distributed a total of 14,614,642 Scriptures in 271 languages in more than 60 countries last year, it was reported at its 142nd annual meeting here.

Pages From The Past

By J. L. BOYD, Sr.

50 YEARS AGO

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION NUMBER:

The Convention met at Hot Springs, Arkansas. The first full day, morning and afternoon was given the B. Y. P. U. work with L. P. Leavell, Mississippian, taking the leading role. Layman Joshua Levering of Baltimore, Maryland, was elected president of the Convention by a unanimous vote. H. W. Battle of North Carolina preached the sermon. The Home Board reported 22,420 baptisms. Total receipts of Home Board was \$265,000 plus. Total receipts of Sunday School Board under J. M. Frost was \$179,000 plus, \$46,000 plus going back into the denominational work through the agencies. Total gifts to Foreign Mission Board was \$402,000 plus, of which amount \$186,000 plus came from W. M. U. The Convention's climatic session was on Saturday night in a great mass meeting in the interest of Foreign Missions under the leadership of Secretary R. J. Willingham who closed the program at a late hour in an account of his recent trip around the world checking up on the work and encouraging the missionaries on the fields. In response to his call for volunteers for service on the fields, "At least twenty-five stood, many with streaming eyes." Sunday was given to much preaching, and adjournment came at closing of Monday morning's session when the parting hand was given in good-bys.

40 YEARS AGO

Pastor Homer H. Webb of the Moss Point First Church is teacher of the Men's Bible Class which had fifty present the past Sunday and are working for a 100 in near future. The class voted to buy a \$100 Liberty Bond (War Bonds) and sent it to the Home Mission Board to be applied on the Building Fund. Dr. Gray acknowledging it said, "A Thousand Sunday School classes should do likewise."

The First Church, Hazlehurst, enjoyed a gracious revival and garnered a rich harvest of souls, 40 accessions to the membership, nineteen of them by baptism. Pastor C. C. Pugh was assisted by Home Board Evangelists Ray Palmer as preacher and Carl M. Camborn as song leader.

25 YEARS AGO

The Griffith Memorial Baptist Church, Jackson, closed a very successful revival season with 45 additions, J. E. Byrd doing the preaching. D. A. McCall, pastor.

RAY RETIRES AFTER 65,000 WEDDINGS

Mississippi - born Dr. J. H. Randolph Ray, rector of New York's famed "Little Church Around the Corner," (a Protestant Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration) will retire next month on his 72nd birthday after 35 years as pastor of one of the nation's most famous churches.

During his pastorate, 65,000 weddings have been performed in the church, some 25,000 of them by Dr. Ray himself.

Presbyterians

CHARLOTTE, N. C. (RNS)—Membership in the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (Southern) reached an all-time high of 852,189 in 1957, Dr. E. C. Scott of Atlanta, Ga., Stated Clerk, reported at its 98th General Assembly here. This was an increase of nearly 20,000 over 1956.



PASTOR FINDS INSPIRATION—Pastor James (played by actor Donald Woods) finds a source of inspiration to begin his church's recreation center for underprivileged children. His housekeeper sympathizes over the stained-glass window broken by a misguided baseball from one of the children who must play in the street, but the incident has beneficial effects lasting over the years that end in a moving pulpit announcement, in this episode from the television series, THIS IS THE ANSWER, produced by the SBC Radio and Television Commission.

New Books

(Brief comments by the EDITOR; books available through your Baptist Book Store)

THE CALL OF THE CONGO by Ann L. Ashmore (Parthenon, 171 pp., \$3.00) — the gripping story of a Leland, Miss. physician and his wife (Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Lewis) who are planting their lives as Methodist missionaries in the Belgian Congo, a story quite well-written by Mrs. Samuel E. Ashmore, wife of the editor of the Mississippi Methodist Advocate.

COOPERATIVE EVANGELISM by Robert O. Ferm (Zondervan, 99 pp., 75c) — a comparative study of the great evangelists of the past. (Edwards, Whitfield, Wesley, Finney, Moody, Sunday) with a view to evaluating the phenomenal ministry of Billy Graham.

BIBLE PROPHECY FOR OUR TIME by Albert Luther Hill (Exposition, 61 pp., \$2.50) — the viewpoints of a Negro Baptist preacher from Winona, Miss., reading into the Bible specific predictions of all kinds of military and political events of the Twentieth Century.

HANDBOOK OF CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY (Meridian Books, Inc., 381 pp., \$1.45) — over 100 essays by the leading Protestant theologians of the world.

THE SERMONS OF JOHN DONNE selected and introduced by Theodore Gill (Meridian Books, Inc. 288 pp., \$1.35) — sparkling sermon gems from the preaching treasury of England's great 17th century pulpiteer.

RELIGIOUS DRAMA, 21 medieval mystery and morality plays selected and introduced by E. Martin Browne (Meridian Books, Inc., 217 pp., \$1.45) — back-lighting some familiar Bible subjects.

THE CHURCH KINDERGARTEN by Polly Hargis Dillard (Broadman, 146 pp., \$3.95) — a long-needed book authoritatively and helpfully done by an elementary educator who was once director of Kindergarten which is operated by Main St. Church, Hattiesburg.

Calendar of Prayer

May 26 — James Q. Allen, Mississippi College faculty; Mrs. R. H. Young, W. M. U. Executive Board.
May 27 — Meeting of Trustees, Baptist Orphanage; J. W. Fagan, Trustee, Baptist Foundation.
May 28 — Clyde Thompson, Benton Association Sunday School Superintendent; Betty Martin, Clerk Typist, Baptist Book Store.
May 29 — Auber J. Wilds, Training Union State Approved Adult Worker.
May 30 — Neta Stewart, Baptist Building; Mrs. Peggy Spencer, Baptist Building.
May 31 — Hal D. Bennett, Calhoun Association Music Director; Miss Annie Hendricks, Registrar, Blue Mountain College.
June 1 — Louie Farmer, B. S. U. Director, Mississippi Southern College; Mrs. Evelyn McClure, William Carey College faculty.

TOCCOA, Ga. (RNS) — The wife of a steelworker here who has two sons in the (Baptist) ministry and a third studying to be a missionary is Georgia's 1958 Mother of the Year.

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Record Offering Is Expression Of Growing Missionary Concern

By Baker J. Cauthen

The final figure of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is now complete. The total of \$6,121,585.14 is \$880,839.75 more than last year. This money is an expression of growing missionary conviction and compassion as the realities of today's world are being faced.

The administration of this money reinforces all our labor of missions throughout the world. From its beginning, Woman's Missionary Union has addressed itself to the cultivation of prayer and the study of missions and to giving; but it has recognized that the administration of funds and the projection of work are the responsibility of the Foreign Mission Board.

The Lottie Moon Offering represents gifts to the overseas work of the Foreign Board and is used to meet urgent requests which have been presented to the Board by official action of the Missions throughout the world.

Of this year's Offering, \$2,500,000 is a part of the 1958 budget of the Foreign Mission Board. Additional allocations amounting to \$2,615,500 were approved at the Board's semi-annual meeting in April. This action came after similar approval by the Southwide Executive Board of Woman's Missionary Union meeting in Birmingham, Ala., in February.

The final appropriations for the 1957 Offering will be approved by the Foreign Mission Board in session at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Assembly in June following similar consideration by the Southwide Executive Board of Woman's Missionary Union meeting in Houston, Tex., in May.

The administration of the Lottie Moon Offering receives the same careful attention that is given to every appropriation made by the Foreign Mission Board for any purpose. Needs

are first studied on mission fields and are recommended to the Board by official action of the mission organizations. These needs then are given administrative study by the secretaries of the Board. Recommendations are then prepared and submitted to the Southwide Executive Board of Woman's Missionary Union and, following their approval, to the Foreign Mission Board for final action.

It should be borne in mind that, although the Lottie Moon Offering has grown remarkably, the basic dependence of the Foreign Mission Board upon the Cooperative Program for its financial reinforcement remains unchanged.

In 1933, when the Foreign Mission Board had a total income of \$691,987, the Cooperative Program provided 42.3 per cent of this amount. In 1957, the Cooperative Program provided 49 per cent of the Board's total income of \$14,270,964.

All plans for missions advance must be laid upon the premise that support of foreign missions through the Cooperative Program will continue on an ascending scale. Advance made in recent years has come about because there has been increasing support of foreign missions through the Cooperative Program, both in the amount specified in the Southern Baptist Convention's operating budget and in the 75 per cent of all Southwide Cooperative Program receipts beyond the budget.

While the Foreign Mission Board is just as dependent upon the Cooperative Program for its income as ever in its history, the growth of the Lottie Moon Offering has produced important developments in the Board's finances.

In 1933 the Lottie Moon Offering provided 20.2 per cent of the funds received by the Board. In that same year, however, designated gifts provided 25.2 per cent of all funds received.

As the Lottie Moon Offering has grown, the percentage of the total income of the Foreign Mission Board provided by that Offering has increased. In 1957, 37 per cent of the Board's income came from the Lottie Moon Offering.

This growth, however, is attended by a displacement of designated giving. Whereas 25.2 per cent of the Foreign Mission Board's 1933 income was derived from designated gifts, only 10.8 per cent of the Board's 1957 income came from designated gifts. This means that the growth of the Lottie Moon Offering through the displacement of designated giving now brings to the Foreign Mission Board a much higher percentage of its income which is subject to the careful administrative procedures outlined above.

Another interesting fact is that 76 per cent of the funds which the Foreign Mission Board now receives is that 76 per cent of the funds which the Foreign Mission Board now receives as designated gifts is for missionary salaries and other items scheduled for budget appropriations. Only 24 per cent of the designated gifts received is for items aside from budget provision.

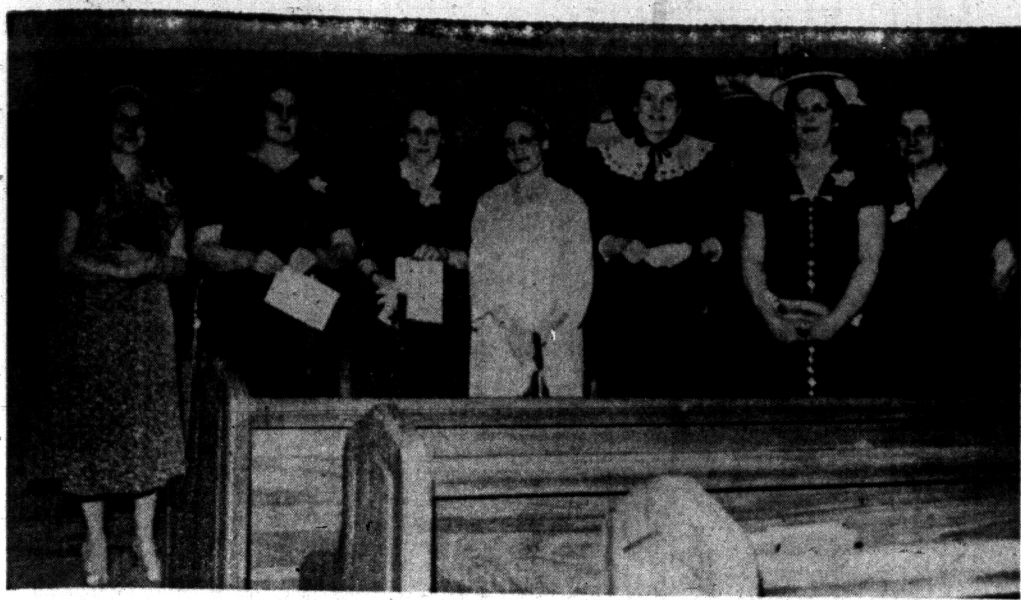
This study indicates that advance in foreign missions depends upon continued increase of its income through the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Offering. These two sources of income are vitally necessary and are essential to the financial stability of the Foreign Mission Board as it faces worldwide responsibilities.

God is raising up an increasingly large number of the finest of his servants to go as missionaries. These young people are challenging Southern Baptists with their lives. We thank God that the hosts of people who through prayer, love, and giving provide money for foreign missions through the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Offering stand ready to hold up the hands of these who cross the world to share the message of redemption with mankind.

It is highly important that we keep in mind that the growth we have experienced is only a partial response on our part to the responsibilities God has set before us. We must not congratulate ourselves upon half doing a great task. We must

Thursday, May 22, 1958

THE BAPTIST RECORD 5



WASHINGTON ASSOCIATIONAL W. M. U. OFFICERS—At the fifth annual Washington County W. M. U. associational meeting held at Second Church, Greenville, recently, the following officers were installed for 1958-59: As shown above, left to right, Mrs. F. B. Grayson, Installation Officer; Mrs. N. D. Horton, Community Missions Chairman; Mrs. C. E. Pugh, President; Mrs. Paul Watson, Publications Chairman; Mrs. Arthur Leslie, Sunbeam Band Director; Mrs. E. L. Smyley, Vice-President; Mrs. Clay Thompson, Secretary-Treasurer; Not shown in the picture are Mrs. A. B. Quinn, Prayer Chairman; Mrs. E. D. Langley, Stewardship Chairman; Mrs. J. J. Huff, Mission Study Chairman; Mrs. George Rae Walker, Y. W. A. Director; Mrs. E. H. Fisher, G. A. Director.

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BAPTIST BOOK STORE HAS NEW PIANO

The music section of the Baptist Book Store is making fine progress. Rev. Charles Clarke is in charge of the music division of the Book Store. The displays of music materials are expanding and becoming more attractive and useable.

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all Ministers of Music and interested musicians throughout the State. If music is not available in quantity ask the Book Store to place your order and it will be handled immediately. One great advantage in using the Book Store for your music materials is the fact you can charge it to the regular church account.

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KITTIWAKE ASSEMBLIES ARE COMING

We know by now you have received the materials on the music assemblies at Kittiwake, and you are making plans to attend one of our Assemblies. The weeks are; July 14-18—Intermediates, ages 13-17—July

Youth Week At Emmanuel Church

Emmanuel Church, Grenada, observed Youth Week April 6-13, with Kenneth McReynolds serving as youth pastor.

Other officers for the week were Jimmy Whittemore, Jonnie Spruill, James Todd, Donnie Spruill, Billy Heath, Roy Lee Whittemore, Gene Mixon, Clint Nichols, Peggy Martin, Donna Savage, and Edward Horn.

Rev. George A. Nichols is pastor at Emmanuel.

21-25, Young people and adults, ages 16 up. — August 18-22 — Juniors, ages 9-12.

Please send your registration fee of \$2.00 to Church Music Department, Box 530 Jackson, or write for registration cards immediately, as we are expecting full house this year and you do not want to miss these assemblies. **DON'T DELAY—REGISTER TODAY!!**



DUCK HILL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—Shown above are Vacation Bible School students at Duck Hill Church, Rev. Bill Jones, pastor. The school, held April 28-May 9, had an enrollment of 114 and an average attendance of 92. The school maintained a standard rating for the first time in the history of the church's VBS, in spite of rain and a siege of chicken pox.

Religion Is News In San Francisco

By Rev. W. A. Whitten
Associate, Seminary Extension Dept., Jackson

"For the first time in my lifetime religion is news in San Francisco," stated a San Francisco policeman. In discussions with pastors and people on the street one can readily discover the strong impact of the Billy

Graham Crusade. "I'm a baseball fan," declared an Italian restaurant waiter, "but baseball, it no more big news since Billy Graham." A parking lot attendant remarked, "Billy Graham won the double header last Sunday." He, of course, was referring to the fact that on the opening day of the campaign, March 27, the Cow Palace with Billy Graham drew several thousand more than did the Giants and Phillies game that afternoon.

People Do Listen

Regardless of one's evaluation of evangelistic techniques or theological niceties embraced by Billy Graham one must admit that people listen to his words. From his comment upon the devastating crime rate in San Francisco, namely the biggest rate of narcotic addiction in the United States, to his approval of "sac dresses," his remarks are weighed and discussed by all. One pastor appearing on the program of the initial minister's rally of the crusade, March 28, summed up by saying, "It is a great day for us in our churches in San Francisco to see positive religion and Christian faith as headline items."



Rev. Charles Conley

First, Rosedale Calls Pastor

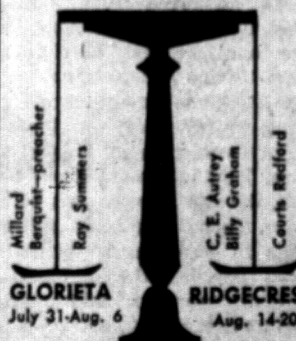
Rev. Charles Conley of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, has been called as pastor of First Church, Rosedale.

Mr. Conley will move on the field and assume his duties on June 1. He is a graduate of Carson-Newman College of Jefferson City, Tennessee and of Southern Seminary. He has held pastorates at Tyner, Tennessee; Cohutta, Georgia; and Owenton, Kentucky.

Conley is married and the father of four children. He is a native of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

press ahead toward a realization of our possibilities as stewards of Christ's blessings. God is giving much to Southern Baptists. He is expecting much from us. There is a long way to go, and we dedicate ourselves without reserve to the task before us.

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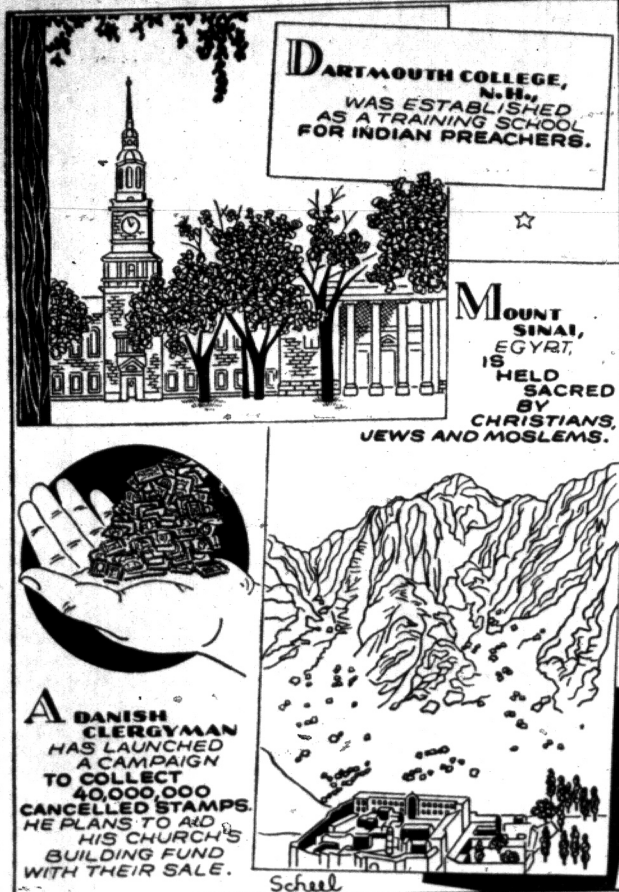
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HERNANDO CHURCH EXPANDS

The first step in a four-stage expansion program was taken by First Church, Hernando on Sunday, May 11, when the church voted unanimously to purchase a tract of land adjacent to the church at a price of \$6,000. The purchase of the site will allow expansion of buildings and facilities to provide for a church membership of 1500.

Hernando is located on the new super-highway which is already under construction and which will place the city within 17 minutes of uptown Memphis. Population experts state upon completion of the new highway the city of Hernando can be expected to grow to around 25,000 in a few years. It is for this rapid

growth that the church is planning.

The complete plan requires the purchase of land, erection of a second educational building to supplement the one now in use which was built in 1949, the enlarging of the present auditorium to provide 33 percent more seating capacity, and finally the construction of a new auditorium and still more educational space to provide for 1500 members, at which time the present auditorium would be converted into a chapel.

The Baptist church has received 31 new members in recent weeks and anticipates an increase of at least 100 during 1958. Rev. C. H. Skutt is pastor.

Brotherhood Department

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THE WEST—BIG, WILD AND PATHETIC

On a mission tour through the west, cut short by the serious illness of my father-in-law, I know first-hand that the west is big, wild and pathetic.

We visited our Indian work in Oklahoma, Indian and Spanish work in New Mexico and Arizona.

The work in Oklahoma is far more advanced than farther west. Ignorance and superstition are our greatest barriers in New Mexico and Arizona.

Our home missionaries at Taos, New Mexico, Indians themselves, painted a dark picture. Having visited there myself, the stories were easy to believe. Those poor souls still engage in practices so primitive until they defy the imagination. For instance, our missionaries tell us that during a certain period each year, the young girls are open prey. The girls are taken out of government schools and remain out for this "observance." After 8:00 p. m. each evening, no man is considered married. To us who are Christians, their practice sounds like a fairy-tale. To those missionaries, it is real—pathetic.

Our work among the Spanish-speaking groups is progressing. The work at Santa Fe was most encouraging. Our missionaries are happy over prospects for the future.

These lines are being written while flying over the mountains some 17,000 feet above mountain tops. The weather is rough, and we are tied firmly in our seats by belts. At a time like this, one has a turmoil in his soul. Looking down on the sides of the mountains and in the valley, one can see dots, teepees, in which dwell a noble people whose lives are tied to tradition and whose souls are in turmoil because they have been kept in ignorance so long.

There is hope. Our two missionaries at Taos have proved as much. They, too, were in darkness until one of our missionaries won them. They are now wonderful, happy Christians. One by one they are winning others.

The west is big, wild and pathetic.



MC GROUP VISITS SOUTHWESTERN—The Mississippi College Religious Education Club recently sponsored a trip to Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth. Shown above is the group that made the trip. From left, Row 1: Mrs. Frank Horton, Clinton; Joy Horne, Boyle; Ann Hall, Clinton; Nadya Matalka, Mataba; Jordan; Evelyn Doughty, Columbus; Mary Johnson, Gulfport; Mrs. Jimmy Rogers, Baton Rouge, La.; Row 2: Frank Horton, BSU Director, Clinton; Betty Patrick, Senatobia; Sonia Gilliam, Lexington; Mildred Gibson, Memphis; Carolyn Overton, Zion, Ill.; Jancie Cox, Jackson; Patsy Hammons, Greenwood. Row 3: Sharon Barnett, Fort Worth, Tex.; Shirley Thompson, Cleveland; Lois Mullen, Vicksburg; Jean Johnson, Tupelo; Jane Newman, Clinton; Larry Calhoun, Meridian; George Davis, Yazoo City; Frank Brister, Yazoo City; Earl Wascam, Bogaloussa, La.; Mr. W. W. Newman, Clinton; Phil Heard, Jackson; George Pittman, Decatur, Ga.; Billy Ray Thomas, Jackson; Tommy Howard, Water Valley, Tenn.; State Line.

'Buffalo Bill, Jr.'
At RA Congress

FORT WORTH — (BP) — Dick Jones, star of the "Buffalo Bill, Jr." and "Range Rider" television series, has accepted the invitation of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission to appear at the opening night session of the second Convention-wide Royal Ambassador Congress here, Aug. 12.

Dick, who is one of the favorites of the Western stars, will come riding into the arena at the Congress and do some of the dare-devil tricks which help make him popular with both the younger set as well as the "oldsters."

He will then give his Christian testimony.

A native of Snyder, Tex., Dick learned to ride at about the same time he learned to walk — and at the age of three is said to have been more at

home on a horse than on his own two feet.

When he was five he was appearing at rodeos as "The World's Youngest Trick Rider and Roper." He appeared on his own radio program, "The Little Cowboy Rambler," and was singing, playing the ukelele, and reciting Western poems.

About this time he and his parents headed for Hollywood, and from that day to this, Dick has worked almost constantly in movies, TV and radio.

Goes To New York

When 15 years old, he went to New York where he replaced Ezra Stone as "Henry Aldrich."

Dick's favorite sports are hunting, deep-sea fishing, skin diving, and speed-boat racing. Within the past six months he has been among the winners at every regatta for outboard motor boats held in California waters.

He gets special pleasure in beating his keenest TV rivals, cowboy stars Roy Rogers and James Arness.

Royal Ambassadors attending the Congress may be surprised to learn that Dick is more interested in Indians than almost anything.

For years he has been collecting information about Indian lore and history. He admits that getting documented information on the Indian is a difficult task.

"This is true partially," he says, "because Indians have a tendency to clam up when they are questioned and partially because each of the 200 or more tribes on this continent has its own customs — all unrelated to those of the other. Only the symbols are universal," he says.

Has Indian Blood

Perhaps one reason Dick is so interested in Indians is that his grandmother was a full-blooded member of the Sioux tribe of South Dakota.

Others who will appear on the three-day Royal Ambassador Congress program include missionaries from around the world; outstanding Baptist laymen and pastors, and outstanding Christian athletes such as Bob Richards, three-time Olympic track champion and holder of 22 national championships.

Also on hand will be the well-known Hardin-Simmons Cowboy Band and several famous scientists who have helped the nation in its satellite and space program.

The Congress theme is "Christ in Me . . . The Hope of the World."

"It is hoped that the boys who attend this Congress will return to their homes with a burning conviction that truly Christ is depending on them as individuals to help make this world the kind of place it should be," according to Edward Hurt, Jr., Memphis, RA secretary.

"Truly, Christ in our youth is the hope of the world."



SHOWN ABOVE ARE THE Pastor, deacons, building committee, and trustees at Border Springs Church. From left to right, they are Clayton Dodson, Charles Betts, James Mayfield, Rev. John Atkins, L. R. Westbrook, J. C. Dodson, C. D. Wiggins, W. A. Linn, Pete Ward, Hunter Groves, and Floyd Gallop.

BORDER SPRINGS COMPLETES PASTORIUM

Rev. John Atkins, pastor of Border Springs Church near

Columbus, has moved into the new pastorium.

On Sunday, April 27, special

Wheeler Grove Church Progresses

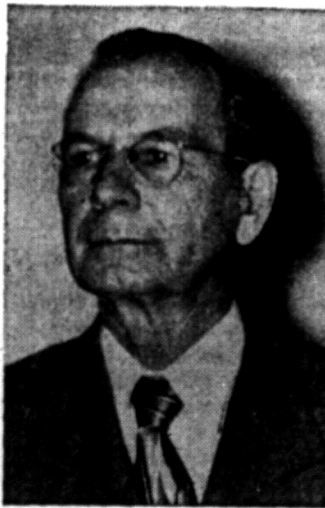
Wheeler Grove Church, Alcorn Association, has made considerable progress during the first years of the pastorate of Rev. Estes Denton.

A new sanctuary has just been completed, which added to the old building, more than doubles their floor space.

The church was listed among the top ten rural churches in Mississippi and received a citation of merit by the Mississippi Christian Community Fellowship and Mississippi State College.

During the past year there were 65 baptisms. Since May 1, 1957, there have been 110 additions. Three young men have dedicated themselves to the ministry. The church budget has been doubled and all mission giving increased.

Attendance in Sunday School has increased from 85 to over 200 and Training Union from 75 to over 200.



Resigns Position

Rev. C. J. Rushing, Supt. of Missions for Jones County Association, will be separated from his present work June 1st.

Placing his resignation April 1st, Mr. Rushing has been directing some of the work and will supply for the Association for the month of May and will not be connected in any official way after June 1.

Having come here from Blytheville, Ark., where he worked in a similar position, he has served Jones County Baptists for nearly nine years. During the time nine new churches have been constituted, one of which is now cooperating with Southern Baptists.

The remaining eight newly organized churches received 415 new members last year, 115 of these coming on profession of faith. These same new churches now have 1887 members, paid combined salaries of \$26,110.00 last year and with the other churches paid, to the ministers who served them last year a total of \$147,238, and brought into their church treasuries the sum of \$1,137,000.00 in 1957.

There are now 44 churches in the Association and these have a total membership of about 15,000.

Mrs. Rushing has accepted her teaching position in the Glade School System and Joy the daughter has enrolled in Mississippi College for the fall term.

He will move early in June to 621 South Magnolia in Laurel and will be glad to receive calls from churches or Associations needing his services. His telephone is 5678 Laurel.

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Loss	8

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, MACON: AN HONOR CHURCH

Brook Sledge, Training Union Director, holds the "Honor Church" Diploma, achieved by the First Church, Macon. Mrs. Ivor L. Clark, leader of the "Willing Workers" Junior Union, holds the Standard of Excellence signifying their Union reached standard.

Rev. Ivor L. Clark, Pastor, holds a "Baptismal Certificate" to indicate that eleven Juniors were baptized during the Honor Church Quarter. All of the "Willing Workers" were Christians by the end of the Quarter.

INTEREST MOUNTS IN MISSISSIPPI HONOR CHURCH PROGRAM

Interest is mounting in the Mississippi Honor Church Program as forty-two additional seals have recently been awarded.

SEAL III

Seven more associations have reported the names of churches participating in the associational eliminations of the convention and assembly features and seals have been awarded as follows:

CHICKASAW ASSOCIATION. Houston First, Van Vleet, and Houka.
SUNFLOWER ASSOCIATION. Indianola First, Indianola Second, Moorhead, Linn, and Bethel.
HUMPHREYS ASSOCIATION. Louise.
TISHOMINGO ASSOCIATION. Highland, and Iuka.
OKTIBBEHA ASSOCIATION. Starkville First, Longview, Calvary, and Emmanuel.
ZION ASSOCIATION. Cross Roads, Mahtee, Eupora, Walthall, New Hope, Mt. Zion, Shady Grove, Mathiston.
JASPER ASSOCIATION. Antioch, Bay Springs, Edon, Louin, Montrose.

SEAL IV

Seal four has been awarded to these churches reporting a 10 percent net increase in their Training Union enrolment.

Indianola, First Baptist Church, Sunflower Association, Miss Dorothy Palmer, Educational Director.
Parkview Baptist Church, Leland, Washington Association, Robert H. Perry, Pastor.
Wildwood Baptist Church, Jones Association, R. H. McLeMORE, Jr., Director.
Alta Woods Baptist Church, Hinds Association, J. G. Turner, Director.
Ovett Baptist Church, Jones Association, Mrs. Herman Phillips, Director.
Calvary Baptist Church, Walthall Association, Rev. W. O. Byrd, Pastor.
Mendenhall, First Baptist Church, Simpson Association, Hillman B. Miller, Director.
East Columbia Baptist Church, Marion Association, Marcus Hall, Director.

SEAL V

These churches have received Seal V recently.
Old Oak Grove Baptist Church, Mississippi Association, Mrs. Myrtle White, Director.
Houston, First Baptist Church, Chickasaw Association, Mrs. John B. Simpson, Director.
Petah, First Baptist Church, Lebanon Association, Mrs. J. G. Hethcox, Director.
Houka Baptist Church, Chickasaw Association, Mrs. H. L. Andrews, Director.
Cascilla Baptist Church, Tallahatchie Association, Mrs. Claude Whitten, Director.
Berwick Baptist Church, Mississippi Association, Miss Tillie Causey, Director.

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JUNE 3, 1958—FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, GREENWOOD
JUNE 5, 1958—FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, HATTIESBURG



Robert E. Dixon

Joins Staff At Calvary, Jackson

Robert E. Dixon has joined the staff of Calvary Church, Jackson, as Minister of Christian Recreation. Mr. Dixon is a native of Chattanooga, Tenn., and graduated from Southwestern Seminary on May 16, where he majored in the field of Christian recreation.

During a two-year tour of duty in the Navy he was assigned to the recreation department. During his three years in the Seminary he served as Minister of Recreation in the College Avenue Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Dixon have two daughters, Mary Kathryn, age 8, and Rebecca Jean, age 6.

Dr. Luther Joe Thompson is Calvary pastor.

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Aberdeen, First	440	99
Amory, First	452	148
Anguilla	107	32
Antioch (Rankin)	53	37
Batesville, First	524	199
Belden	134	75
Bethel (Lawrence)	76	47
Biloxi, Emmanuel	253	94
Booneville, First	303	88
Bucatanua (Clarke)	58	30
Byram	233	153
Calhoun City, First	333	113
Center Hill (Desoto)	74	64
Charleston, First	366	114
Clarksdale, Oakhurst	601	197
Cleveland, First	521	176
Main	465	
Chinese Mission	56	
Cleveland, Immanuel	214	107
Clinton	486	273
Clinton Mission	76	57
Columbia, First	599	203
Columbus, First	1049	298
Main	897	219
Fairview Chapel	152	91
Dixie (Lebanon)	193	131
Enon (Panola)	104	56
Fair River (Lincoln)	81	62
Greenville, First	1074	297
Main	889	
Greenfield Mission	127	
Chinese Mission	58	
Greenville, Parkview	325	140
Gulfport, First	762	267
Gulfport, Grace Mem.	242	78
Gum Grove (Lin.)	157	104

Hattiesburg:		
First	650	242
Main Street	788	423
Main	739	
North Main Mis.	25	
Wayside Mission	24	
Immanuel	200	116
38th Avenue	208	111
Hardy	86	65
Hernando	219	58
Houston, First	321	151

Jackson:		
Midway	228	100
First	1184	377
Broadmoor	551	245
Van Winkle	561	275
Hillcrest	315	187
Highland	117	79
Crestwood	526	337
Alta Woods	501	263
Parkway	786	478
Calvary	1276	472
Main	1252	444
Mission	24	28
Dan. Memorial	872	408
Ridgecrest	525	258
Southside	219	136
Immanuel	174	116

Kosciusko, First	660	170
Main	628	
Maple Mission	32	
Kossuth (Alcorn)	64	33
Lambert, First	197	111
Main	168	81
Clear Crk. Mis.	29	30
Laurel, First	665	180
Laurel, Highland	257	73
Laurel, Plainway	122	57
Longview (Oktibbeha)	55	36
Lucedale	335	116
McComb, Central	183	80
McComb, Locust St.	96	52
McComb, South	247	102
Mendenhall, First	258	121

Meridian:		
First	874	162
(Oakland Hgts.	309	141
(Arrowood Mis.	92	30
Calvary	439	177
(South Side	483	157
(Fulton Ave. Mis.	44	
State Boulevard	363	111
(Poplar Sprs. Dr.	536	194
(Grandview Chapel	27	13
Highland	608	238
Eighth Avenue	237	90
Morton, East Side	101	84
Natchez, First	647	232
Newton	483	127
Pearl (Rankin)	214	128
Petal, Crestview	47	24
Petal-Harvey	279	135
Main	235	96
Harvey Mission	44	39

Meridian:		
First	874	162
(Oakland Hgts.	309	141
(Arrowood Mis.	92	30
Calvary	439	177
(South Side	483	157
(Fulton Ave. Mis.	44	
State Boulevard	363	111
(Poplar Sprs. Dr.	536	194
(Grandview Chapel	27	13
Highland	608	238
Eighth Avenue	237	90
Morton, East Side	101	84
Natchez, First	647	232
Newton	483	127
Pearl (Rankin)	214	128
Petal, Crestview	47	24
Petal-Harvey	279	135
Main	235	96
Harvey Mission	44	39



Dr. Eugene N. Patterson

To Help Raise Chapel Funds

Dr. Eugene N. Patterson, professor of preaching in the New Orleans Seminary, has been asked by the trustees to take one year off from his teaching to help raise the \$300,000 that will be necessary to complete the chapel building. He will be associated with Mr. Bill Bolton, the Publicity Director of the Seminary. This work will begin June 1, 1958.



THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION of William Carey College recently elected officers for the 1958-59 school session. The officers elected are: president, Wayne Stockstill, Picayune; first vice-president, Eldridge Boyd, Tylertown; second vice-president, Betty Peavy, Columbia; treasurer, Jeanine Smith, Piave; handbook editor, Mary Gayle Smith, Hattiesburg Secretary, Louise Bass, Columbia.

Degree Candidates Names At BMC

The following Blue Mountain College students are candidates for degrees on May 26: Bachelor of Arts: Janet Marie Brant, Falls Church, Va.; Louise Buchanan, Blue Mountain; Dorothy Teh-Yung, Taipei, Taiwan, Formosa; Rosa Virginia Cobb, Memphis; Edith Joan Cockrell, Rocky Mount, N. C.; Mary Ellen Cockrell, Washington, D. C.; Carolyn June Dacus, Tupelo; Maureen Clyde Donahue, Sebring, Fla.; Mary Frances Duren, Greenwood; Elizabeth Ione Galbreath, North Platte, Neb.

John D. Hopper, Jr., Tiptonville; Hester Jeanette Lyerly, Conway, S. C.; Aletta Lee McDonald, Rockingham, N. C.; Alta Ann McMillan, Tallahassee, Fla.; Marilyn Moore, Rome, Italy; Alice Jane Pickens, New Albany; Jo Ann Nance Raines, New Albany; Anita Virginia Rish, Houston; Jeanne Scott, Memphis; Martha Jean Seaton, Little Rock, Ark.; Sarah Anne Senter, North Garden, Va.; Faye Rebecca Shockley, Experiment, Ga.; Mary Jane Stokes, Beltsville, Md.; Peggy Ann Stubbs, Terry; Marlene Ann Stumher, North Platte, Neb.

Mary Jo Swift, Portageville, Mo.; Carol Faye Walker, Pheba; Della Leone Wells, Blue Mountain; Martha Carole Houston White, New Albany; June Whitlow, Jonesboro, Ill.; Lourenda Stack Whitten, New Albany; Alva Reed Wright, Memphis.

Bachelor Music
Bachelor of Music: Barbara Ann Ellis, Meridian.
Bachelor of Science: Uvonda Jane Breedlove, Booneville; Donny Anne Brewer, Slayden; Erma Faye Bryant, Bruce; Phaliba Ouida Clark, Greenville; Mary Joan Cox, New Albany; Patricia H. Eleam, Summerville, Ga.; Ruby Doris Freeman, Blue Mountain; Jean Elizabeth Gwyn, Corinth; Martha Marcella Hudson, Batesville; Mae Carol Brown Mays, Booneville; Elizabeth Ann Morris, Somerville, Tenn.; Alice Marie Reynolds, Myrtle; Miss Eugenia Smith, Memphis; Virginia Ratliff Speck, Blue Mountain; Dorothy

Petal, Temple	163	69
Picayune, First	268	148
Main	257	
Mission	11	
Potts Camp	128	33
Ripley, First	358	116
Ruleville	322	120
Ruth	61	67
Scot, First	154	88
Springfield (Scott)	150	86
Star	136	97
Starkville, First	901	338
Steen's Crk. (Rankin)	231	103
Sunflower	85	34
Tishomingo Chapel:		
(Alcorn)	81	44
Tupelo, First	508	64
Tupelo, Harrisburg	534	159
Union, First	355	107
West End (Winston)	65	52
West Point, Calvary	224	128

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Bethel (Lawrence) 80 62
Hattiesburg, Immanuel 255 106
Pascagoula, First 768 216
Main 706 188
McArthur Chapel 55 28
Wash. Ave. Chapel 7
Silver Crk. (Lawrence) 48 30

Dean Stevens, Ripley.
Candidates for Degrees on August 15, 1958: Bachelor of Arts: Jimmie Regina Beasley, Ozark, Ala.; Mary Jo Dendy, Houston; Maurine Gaither, Memphis.

Bachelor of Science: Lillian Mae Buchanan, Jackson; Lily Chun, Wahiawa, Oahu, Hawaii; Lou Ella Estes, Tupelo; Vera Pauline Haynes, Blytheville, Arkansas; Vivian M. Houston, Blue Mountain; Lena Mae Jolly, Myrtle; Melba Purdon Lewis, New Albany; LaVerne Shelton, Wisconsin; Peggy Jean Wiggins, Meridian; Beita Chrestman Windham, Blue Mountain.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Dr. Chester Quarles, Dr. Ralph Overman, and Miss Kathryn Jasper.

"In Christ, No East or West"

"Culture is the story of man's struggle against death. Morality is the struggle against the reason for death," Dr. Ralph Overman told more than 200 students attending the first citywide BSU banquet in Jackson, Monday, May 12.

Held at Calvary Church, the banquet was Oriental in theme with Japanese floral arrangements, Japanese lanterns, fans, and even kimono clad ladies and their umbrellas.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Living By The Laws Of God

For May 25

By Bracey Campbell

LIVING BY GOD'S LAWS.

Bible Texts: Deuteronomy 6; 11.

INTRODUCTION. Philosophers who have devoted themselves to the study of the science of government have just about agreed that just governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, and are just governments for just so long as they do derive their power from the consent of the governed, that is, the people. These powers says John Locke and all those who follow after him are three: Legislative, executive, and judicial.

It is the function of the legislative department to make the laws, of the judiciary to explain and apply the laws, and of the executive to enforce the laws. In recent years we have heard quite some talk to the effect that one department of our government is usurping the functions of other departments.

Now, God's government is not like this, but is an absolute monarchy; that is, God the Almighty retains within Himself and exercises for the good of His people, all powers of government, legislative, judicial, and executive.

By what principle can you claim justice for this concept, that it is right for all the powers of government to be vested in a single person? On the principle of the comparative and absolute perfection and power of God. He knows what the perfect law is, and His infinite knowledge is the divine legislation.

He knows what the perfect meaning and appropriate application demands, and he explains the meaning and prescribes the application. He has the power of execution, and so arms His pronouncement of the law with the absolute and loving power of enforcement.

I. THE CALL TO ATTENTION. "Hear, O Israel, the statutes and the ordinances which I speak in your ears this day," (Deut. 5:1). The first rule of all learning is. Pay attention!

It is by hearing that you will, in the first place, learn what the statutes of the Lord, the laws of the Lord are. Hear ye! Attend ye! Learn ye what the will of the Lord is! And here is our need as Christians today. We do not know what the will of the Lord is, what His book teaches as to the way of life.

II. GODLY FEAR. "That thou mightest fear the Lord thy God, to keep all His statutes and commandments" (Deut. 6:1).

It does not mean you are to fear Him as a slave-driver before whom His wretched bondmen crouch and tremble, not as an offering dog comes cowering to the feet of an angry master waiting with whip in hand; but fear him as a child the best possible father, one waiting hopefully for the noble work of one in whom the father has perfect confidence that the son will perform it, the fear of imper-

fect workman under the eye of the Master workman watching and assisting in the perfecting of that most delicate piece of workmanship, a human soul, a personal salvation.

III. THE DEBT, THE OBLIGATION. "Ye shall teach them your children" (Deut. 11:19). This is the only sure way to keep the knowledge of the Lord: Give it away. To give it is to keep it, and it is important that you keep it. Then teach it to your children.

They are your obligation. You are responsible for your children. The stream of your life flows on through them. Again, teaching is the most difficult work in the world just because it is the work of causing another to learn. Someone has said that the human mind has an infinite capacity for resisting the introduction of a new idea.

It is, line upon line, line upon line, precept upon precept, precept upon precept. Here a little and there a little. But it is also the most glorious work to which one may be devoted. To watch personalities develop, nay, to aid personalities in developing, this life's greatest work.

IV. BLESSING AND CURSE. "I set before you this day a blessing and a curse" 11:26. "A blessing." Above all other varieties of happiness, the consciousness of the presence of God, the approving presence of God. This was the main thought in the Old Testament mind. Not threats of hell or hopes of paradise, mainly, but the presence and present prosperity of the presence of the Lord.

"And a curse." This is the opposite of the other, the dreary loneliness of the conscious absence of God, with all its dreary consequences.

Enterprise Church Plans Revival

Rev. Damon Vaughn, pastor Magnolia Street Church, Laurel, will be the evangelist for the revival to be held at Enterprise Church, May 25-30.

Leading the music will be Major McDaniel, minister of music, First Church, Greenwood. Rev. Olyn F. Roberts is pastor.

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THE BAPTIST RECORD 7

Seminary Commencement

The Mississippi Baptist Seminary will hold its Fifteenth Annual Commencement exercises on Thursday, May 29, at the Farish Street Baptist Church, Jackson. The exercises are scheduled to begin at 10 A. M. and 2:00 P. M. Eighty-three students are to receive certificates, diplomas, degrees during the afternoon session.

Dr. R. W. Woullard, president of the South Mississippi Baptist Convention and acting Chairman of the Seminary's Board of Trustees, will deliver the Baccalaureate sermon at the morning session.

Dr. Guy Bellamy, Secretary, Department of Work with Negroes, Home Mission Board, will deliver the Commencement address at the afternoon session.

Beginning at 10 A. M. Wednesday, May 28, in the Seminary Chapel, the Mississippi Baptist Seminary's Trustees will hold their annual meeting.

Beginning Friday morning, May 30, deans of various Seminary centers will begin their annual conference.

Howse To Get Honorary Degree

JACKSON, Tenn. — (BP)—W. L. Howse, Jr., director of the education division, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, will receive the honorary LL.D. degree at Union University here, June 3.

Howse, a native of Fayetteville, Tenn., is an alumnus of Union. His son, Bill, is a student at Union now.

Day of Prayer

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dicates, "Intermediate Fishers;" Juniors, "Jesus Saves."

Special Associational Evangelistic Rallies, March 9 and April 6, 1959. Rally date for March revivals, March 9. Rally date for April revivals, April 6.

Prayer to Prevail
Pre-Revival Visitation Program.

Prayer Program. WMU Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 2-6. Neighborhood Prayer Meetings.

Preaching and Witnessing. Two full weeks of preaching and continued visitation in all churches in respective zones during the following dates: March 15-29 and April 12-26.

Sunday School High Attendance Day. Churches with March Revivals, March 22. Churches with April Revivals, April 19.

Training Union High Attendance Day. Churches with March Revivals, March 29. Churches with April Revivals, April 26.

New Members Class. All who joined the church during the revival should be called together for a meeting with the pastor during the Training Union hour of the last Sunday of the revival.

Reports. All churches should follow the associational chairman of evangelism instruction for making revival reports.

These associational chairman are asked to mail complete reports to Dr. Odle's office on Monday following the close of revivals.

The banquet was sponsored by Kathryn Jasper, Jackson city-wide BSU secretary. Master of ceremonies was Dr. Bob Simmons, pastor of Oak Forest Baptist Church in Jackson, and chairman of Hinds County Baptist Association BSU committee. Dr. Overman, who is chairman of Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear studies, spoke on "In Christ, No East or West."

Lynn Clower Dies At Age 11

Lynn Clower, 11 years old, died Monday afternoon, May 19, of measles and pneumonia. Lynn was the daughter of Rev. Harold Clower, pastor near Carthage.

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N. C. SUPREME COURT HEARS SOUTHERN BAPTIST CASE

RALEIGH, N. C. — (RNS) — Arguments were heard by the state Supreme Court here on an appeal from a lower court's ruling dismissing a motion for an injunction to restrain the Southern Baptist Convention from functioning in North Carolina.

The case was first brought in Superior Court by Dr. James Bullman, pastor of East Spencer (N. C.) Baptist church and an outspoken champion of local church autonomy. He is seeking to stop the SBC's activities in the state on the grounds that the convention "elected its officers illegally" at its annual sessions last May in Chicago.



Kolola Springs Calls Pastor

Rev. W. D. Dawkins of Millport, Ala., has resigned as pastor of Union Chapel and Fernbank churches to accept the pastorate of Kolola Springs Church of Lowndes County.

His family, consisting of wife, son and daughter, are now occupying the newly acquired parsonage.

The church is conducting a visitation program and the congregation is growing.

Dr. Bullman contends that the convention, in trying to keep him silent on the controversial local autonomy issue, "tripped over its own schemes" and chose officers on the third day of the meeting, instead of not later than the second day as required by the denomination's constitution.

In dismissing the plea for an injunction, the Superior Court ruled that state courts lack jurisdiction in the dispute, as maintained by the SBC.

During arguments before the Supreme Court, Dr. Bullman's attorney contended that the SBC does business in the state through the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and, therefore, is subject to the courts.

Claims Denied Floor

Dr. Bullman further argued that he attempted to bring up the "error" in the SBC's election procedure during the sessions, but was denied floor privileges and "was turned down on the correction so they would not have to bring up the autonomy issue."

Attorneys for the SBC termed the case "most unusual" in that the plaintiffs "are asking all this relief (the injunction) on the grounds of a more or less horrendous error that officers were elected on the third day instead of not later than the second day."

They added that there was some question about which was the second day of the sessions, since a brief meeting on the first night of the gathering did not constitute a full day.

Dr. Bullman has carried on long fights to bring up the question of local church autonomy before both the State and Southern Conventions. After the minister raised the autonomy issue at the annual sessions of the SBC at Kansas City in 1956, the convention reaffirmed its 1928 stand asserting individual church independence.



THE TEN-MESSENGERS WHO ARE this week representing their Indian churches of the New Choctaw Association at the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston are from left, seated: Miss Joyce Ann Crosby, Rev. Ike Anderson, Mrs. Anderson, Rev. John C. Allen. Standing: Mrs. Nicholas Bell, Mrs. Victor Kaneubbe, an unidentified man and Rev. Victor Kaneubbe, missionary to the Choctaw Indians. (The child seated is also unidentified.) Two others attending, not shown in picture, are Rev. Thomas Nickey and Mrs. Robert Thatch.

Choctaw Indians Attend SBC In Houston This Week

Ten members from the Indian churches of the New Choctaw Baptist Association are this week attending the annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston.

They made the trip in two station wagons, one of which is the Annie Armsstrong Offering

car for use of the Baptist Indian Center at Philadelphia.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention is assisting in financing the trip.

Mississippi Baptists who wish to help with the Indian work may do so.

Vacation Bible schools are planned beginning the last week in June and two or three pupil work books and other VBS supplies will be needed. Other needs include a pres-

sure cooker and good books for the Indian Center Library.

Church Needs Help

Those desiring to donate above supplies or materials are asked to send them directly to Rev. Victor Kaneubbe, Baptist Indian Center, Philadelphia, Miss.

The Bogue Homa Church was hit by a storm last November and needs help to rebuild.

Those desiring to contribute funds are asked to send them to Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., designated "Bogue Homa Indian Church Building Fund."

18 Decisions At Cliff Temple

There were 18 decisions, seven professions of faith, and 11 rededications, during the revival at Cliff Temple Church, Natchez, April 28-May 4.

Rev. J. R. Boutwell of Columbia was the evangelist; Mr. and Mrs. William Fortenberry were in charge of the music.

Rev. Henry E. White, Sr., is the pastor.

Homecoming May 25 At Summerland

The Summerland Church, Jones Association, will observe Homecoming Day May 25.

Rev. Barney Walker, of Jackson, will bring the Homecoming Day messages at 11 a. m. and at the afternoon session, which will begin at 1:30. The special music will be brought by Mrs. Glyndon Herrington and the Calhoun Chorolettes, and by Mr. Dewitt Pickering and the Taylorsville Choir and Men's quartette.

Lunch will be served at the noon hour.



Rev. Claude E. Walker

Graduates From Clear Creek

Rev. Claude E. Walker, of Collins, was graduated from the Clear Creek Baptist School, Pineville, Kentucky, May 16.

Before answering the call to the Ministry, he was engaged in the grocery business in Collins, where he has lived most of his life. Upon feeling called into the Ministry, he immediately sold his grocery business and enrolled in the Clear Creek Baptist School.

He was licensed and ordained by the Cold Springs Church of Collins, and will return to Collins after graduation while awaiting a call to serve as pastor of a church. He will be available for pulp supply, and will appreciate any opportunities for service afforded him.

Mr. Walker is married to the former Ruby Crawford, of Collins, who is also graduating from Clear Creek Baptist School. They have one daughter, Claudette.

15 Added In Newhebron Revival

The Newhebron Church, Lawrence County reports an excellent revival under the leadership of Dr. W. Clyde Martin, pastor of First Church, Senatobia.

There were 15 professions of faith during the week. Rev. J. W. T. Siler is the pastor of the Newhebron Church.

Baptist Briefs

ATLANTA (BP) — The Christian Index, weekly newspaper for Georgia Baptists, passed the 100,000 mark in circulation, setting a record for number of subscribers.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (BP) — The Florida Baptist Convention board of missions has voted to buy property in south Jacksonville for \$87,000, on which it plans to build a new, four-story state Baptist office building.

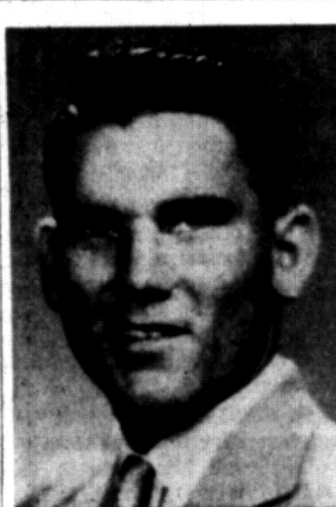
GREENVILLE, S. C. (BP) — Newspaper, radio, and television officials from South Carolina and several nearby states attended a special one-day "Come and See" tour of Furman University's new multi-million dollar campus near Greenville.

THOMASVILLE, N. C. (BP) — W. R. Wagoner, pastor, First Baptist Church, North Wilkesboro, N. C., will be the new general superintendent of Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina. He succeeds W. C. Reed, retiring effective June 30.

NOTE BURNING AT SALEM

Salem Church, Kemper County, recently conducted a special noteburning service, signifying that the note made at the time of construction of a new parsonage had been paid in full. The pastor, Rev. James E. Walker, reports that special efforts were made to liquidate the debt and render the church debt free and that these efforts were very fruitful.

Men serving on the various committees in the effort were E. G. Palmer, Ozell Van Deventer, J. C. Skipper, Elmer Purvis, Osburn Hailey, Clinton Palmer, Billy Purvis, Jim Hailey, Clay Duncan, H. T. Jarvis, J. H. Burchfield, and Curvin Landrum.



Bobby Douglas

Elected Itawamba BSU President

Bobby Douglas of Bruce was elected president of the BSU at Itawamba Jr. College at Fulton. Bobby, along with the following officers were elected and installed at the recent BSU Banquet:

Vice-president, Wayne Fleming; Vardaman; Secretary, Glenda Prestridge; Aberdeen; Treasurer, Billy Owen; Pontotoc; Devotional Chairman, Joe Maxey; Fulton; Publicity Chairman, Mary Joe Inman; Pontotoc; Enrollment Chairman, Ramona Tate; Shannon; Social Chairman, Nancy Goodson; Guntown; Brotherhood president, Jerry Doss; Houston; Room Chairman, Jimmy Stegall; Pontotoc; Missions Chairman, Ronald Black; Louisville, Ky.; Pastor Advisor, Rev. Victor Clayton; Faculty Advisors, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Holcomb; Student Director, Gladys Bryant.

Barbara Briggs Wins T. U. Event

Barbara Briggs of Lowrey Memorial Church, Blue Mountain, is the winner of the Northern District Training Union Convention's Young People's Speakers' Tournament. Miss Briggs is a freshman in Blue Mountain College, where she serves as a student assistant in the library. She will represent the Northern District at the State Training Union Convention.

67 Recognized In GA Coronation At Yazoo City

In a beautiful garden setting in First Church, Yazoo, City, Sunday night, May 11, Mrs. Marlin Hicks, missionary to Chile, recognized 67 girls in Girls' Auxiliary who had advanced in Forward Steps.

Thirty were Maidens, 20 Ladies-in-Waiting, seven Princesses, five Queens, one Queen-with-a-Scepter, one Queen Regent, and three Queens-Regent-In-Service.

The Queens were Elizabeth Cooper, Wilkie Nile Harrington, Jean Jackson, Maryetta Jenkins, and Mary Pugh; Queen-with-a-Scepter, Charyl Downs; Queen Regent, Carol Kelly; and Queens Regent-In-Service (the highest step in Girls' Auxiliary) were Carolyn Cooper, Lucy Jones and Carol Shannon.

Other highlights of G. A. Focus Week were the Mother-Daughter Banquet on Tuesday night with Mrs. Charles Whitton, missionary to Spain, as guest speaker and a pantomime of the G. A. Hymn in the Prayer Service on Wednesday night.

Mrs. Harold A. Shirley is G. A. Director, Rev. Harold Shirley is the pastor.

Youth Night In Warren County

The Warren Association sponsored Youth Night May 17 at Bowmar Church, Vicksburg.

There are 12 churches in the association and of this number 10 were represented. There was a total of 79 present with Wayside being the honor church with 29 present.

Preceding the message, a meal was served in the basement of the church with a period of fellowship. An inspirational message was delivered by Rev. Gene Blalock of Sattartia, with Lewis Tingle leading the singing.

Troy Myers is the Association Training Director.



SYLVARENA VBS—Shown above is Mrs. Willie E. Burge, Superintendent of the Vacation Bible School at Sylvarena Church, handing a check for the school offering to the church treasurer, Charlie Sullivan. The pastor, Rev. Victor Johnson, reports that there were 75 enrolled, with an average attendance of 61. The mission offering of \$12.36 was given to the Cooperative Program. P. D. Houston is the Sunday School Superintendent.



Rev. Lloyd A. Sparkman



Dr. Charles D. Johnson

BMC Commencement Speakers

Rev. Lloyd A. Sparkman, Kosciusko, will give the Blue Mountain College commencement sermon on Sunday morning, May 25, Lowrey Memorial Church. Mr. Sparkman is a native Mississippian, and is pastor of the First Baptist Church at Kosciusko. He spent a considerable part of his life, however, in Arkansas, where he served as President of the Arkansas State Baptist Convention. He has been a member of the Board of Trustees of Blue Mountain College since 1954. Both of his daughters, Maurine and Joyce, are Blue Mountain College graduates.

Dr. Charles D. Johnson, head of the Department of Sociology in Baylor University, will deliver the baccalaureate address on Monday morning, May 26 in exercises beginning at 10 o'clock in Modena Lowrey Berry Auditorium. Dr. Johnson was born at Banner, Mississippi. He has been president of Ouachita College; while academic dean and professor of English in Blue Mountain College he founded the Southern Literary Festival.

DEVOTIONAL

TAKE A GIANT STEP

By CLYDE C. BRYAN, Pastor
First Church, Hattiesburg

We responded with childlike joy when the selected leader would say, "Take a giant step!" Others had to be content with less charity when told, "Take a middle-sized step," or, "Take a baby step."

"Baby Step"

This childlike game illustrates the way many of us live out our days. So many tread softly through life as though some high authority had commanded, "Take a baby step!" Every mature Christian should respond to God's commands to take giant steps only.

Every honest Christian I have known has come to realize there are some giant steps yet needed in their lives.

Only recently a member of our church whose giving record was nil came to my office with the statement that he was ready to take a giant step from giving nothing to tithing. Explaining with Christian joy how he had finally decided to take the step forward, he placed \$600 in cash on my desk. In less than three months he returned with a larger amount for the church. This time he confessed his hesitancy in taking the giant step but proclaimed his joy in that he had yielded.

"Giant Steps"

The giant step for your family may be to place Sunday and Wednesday nights on your schedule of church activities. It would mean choosing things of spiritual value in place of TV, entertainment, and general indifference.

To others the giant step would mean accepting responsibilities of Christian service. This calls for rugged and determined soldiers of the Cross. The weak at heart cannot take this giant step. The burdens of the Kingdom are easily cast aside by those of spiritual infancy.

To others the giant step is a personal victory. It means a clear cut from sin and its conquering habits. We cannot crawl away from sin in baby step strides. We must make a clear break—a giant step.

Union Association Has Fast Growth

HOUSTON — (BP) — Seventy-one new churches and 77 new missions in 10 years is the growth record for Union Baptist Association, which includes Houston and surrounding cities. The association has 156 churches and 27 missions, with a total 135,000 members.

Association churches have reported from 6,000 to 7,000 baptisms annually during the past five years. This is 10 per cent of the Southern Baptist Convention baptisms in Texas.

Ross Dillon became the association's executive secretary in 1948. At that time the annual budget was \$15,000 and Houston's population was increasing

at the rate of 5,000 new residents a month.

One of Dillon's first jobs was to establish a program of securing building sites for new churches and missions. Older churches were asked to buy from four to 10 acres in areas which would be developed at a future date into residential sections.

This year, the association's budget is \$157,000. A loan fund for purchasing church property has been set up and the association has a one-year-old foundation to provide funds for church construction.

The association's "30,000 movement" goals include 50 new churches and 100 new missions by 1964.

Off The Record

A vicar in a small parish in Scotland was collecting subscriptions for the erection of a fence around the local cemetery. Everyone gave something with the exception of MacTavish. Later, the vicar asked why he refused.

"Weel," replied Mac, "I don't see any use in a fence around a cemetery. Those that are in there can't get out, and them what's out sure don't want to get in."

"Why did you leave your last job?"

"Illness."

"What sort of illness?"

"My boss said he got sick of me."

A second grade teacher recently discovered one of her pupils singing with all seriousness: "My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died; land of the pills inside."

Who Done It? It was grand of you to dive from that height, fully clothed, to effect such a magnificent rescue," exclaimed the onlooker, patting the hero.

"That's all very well," replied the hero, "but what I want to know is, who pushed me in?" — Cheer.

A man walked out of the hall where a speaker was addressing a meeting. Someone in the corridor asked if the speaker had finished his speech. "Yes," was the reply, "but he hasn't stopped talking." — Watchman-Examiner.



"Some minds are like concrete—all mixed up and permanently set!"